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Kicking up dust in Towaoc



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Youth dancers kick up the dust on Sunday, May 2 before the sun sets and night dancing begins. Dancers and singers from the three Ute tribes gathered in Towaoc, Colo. for the 135th Annual Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance, held Friday, May 31 through Monday, May 3. Dancers of all ages adorned their best regalia as they danced, welcoming the new year and spring season.

More UMU Bear Dance photo coverage on page 11.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Tribe celebrates state bill protecting self-determination

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

A major victory for tribal sovereignty came as Colorado Governor Jared Polis signed Senate Bill 24-193, the “Protect Tribal Lands from Unauthorized Annexation Bill,” into law on June 6, 2024. This legislation arose from the City of Durango’s attempt to annex land on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The bill received overwhelming bipartisan support, passing unanimously through both houses of the Colorado legislature. This strong backing underscores the widespread recognition of tribal self-governance.

“This is a momentous day for Colorado,” Southern Ute Chairman Melvin J. Baker said. “The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is incredibly grateful to the sponsors of this bill for their unwavering support. We thank Senator Jessie Danielson, Senator Cleave Simpson, Majority Leader Monica Duran, and Minority Leader Rose Pugliese. Their commitment echoes the deep respect Coloradoans have for tribal sovereignty and the sanctity of



reservation lands. Together, we are sending a clear message: collaboration thrives when we honor treaties and respect tribal sovereignty.”

Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud echoed these sentiments, “The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has a long history of championing initiatives that uplift and benefit our local community. This bill aligns perfectly with that commitment. By ensuring our right to self-determination and a voice in actions that impact our reservation, we will continue serving our people and strengthening the communities that call our reservation home.”

The bill itself simply necessitates the Tribe’s consent. It ensures that any future annexation efforts within the Reservation boundaries

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Strands of Strength: The Indian Citizenship Act 100th anniversary

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

June 2, 2024, marks the 100th anniversary of the In-

dian Citizenship Act, also known as the Snyder Act, a landmark piece of legislation that granted U.S. citizenship to Native Ameri-

cans born within reservation boundaries. Prior to the Snyder Act, the path to citizenship for Native Americans was a patchwork of

treaties, federal policies, and court rulings that varied by tribe and region.

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TRIBAL HEALTH

Southern Ute Health Center welcomes Langefels into leading role

Langefels accepts position as SUHC Director

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Lizette Langefels steps in as the Southern Ute Health Center Director, with an official start date of Monday, June 10. Langefels comes to the Tribe with 17 years of experience working at Animas Surgical Hospital in Durango, Colo., where she has been living for over 26 years. Colorado born, Langefels grew up northwest of Denver prior to moving to the Four Corners.

When asked about what makes the Southern Ute health center unique, Langefels said, “It’s the focus on



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum
Lizette Langefels, Southern Ute Health Center Director.

the people. [The Utes] have the honor to focus on that.

We have a real opportunity here with a small group of people to impact the community in a positive and healthy way.”

“What I really appreciate is the Southern Ute’s vision towards wellness,” she said. “My goal for the next few weeks is to listen and learn. I’m really big on connection. I think that taking the time to make connections over the next few weeks is going to be a big piece of my job – to be part of the community.”

Langefels received her bachelor’s degree from Fort Lewis College in Durango,

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Taylor, Duffy-Wirth retire



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Council and Executive Officer, Lindsay Box stand alongside LaTitia Taylor after the presentation of Pendleton blankets, a tradition within the Tribe that honors individuals for their hard work and dedication throughout their careers.

See more retirements coverage on page 9.

Executive Officer, Lindsay Box and SunUte Director Apprentice, Morgann Graham presented a Pendleton blanket to Robin Duffy-Wirth on Thursday, June 6 in the Hall of Warriors for her years of service and dedication to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Duffy-Wirth has worked for the organization for 22 years and has been an integral part of the Tribe.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Tribe and USDA forge partnership to conserve natural resources

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

A historic partnership is forming between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the United States Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Through the USDA or NRCS Agency’s Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), the entities have jointly entered an alternative funding arrangement (AFA) to improve rangeland resiliency and health on tribal lands. This project is



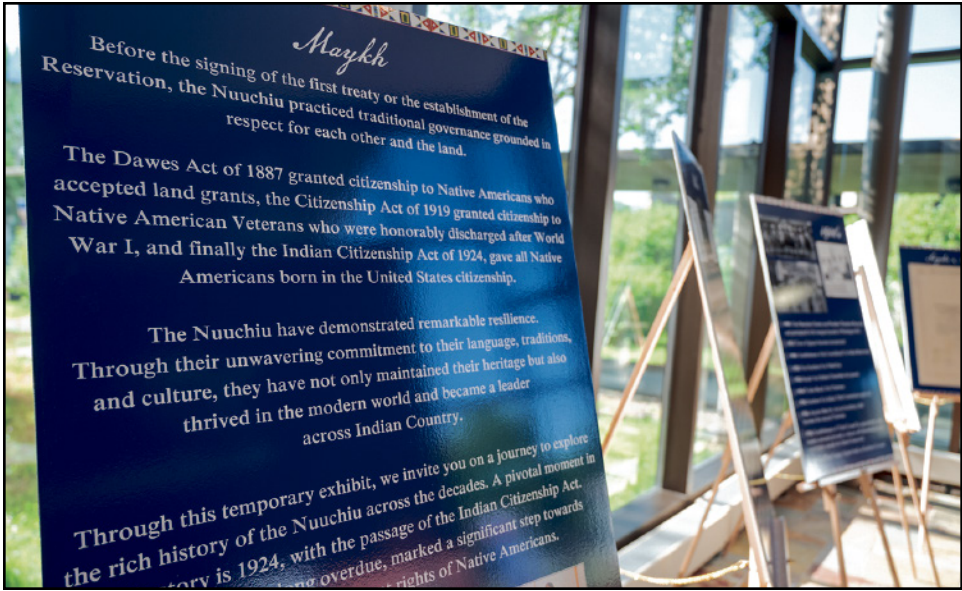
Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

On Friday, May 31 the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the United States Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) have jointly entered an alternative funding arrangement to improve rangeland resiliency and health on tribal lands. Chairman Melvin J. Baker and NRCS Regional Conservationist for the West Region, Astor Boozer sign the official agreement documents.

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Zuriah Baker/SU Drum

A temporary exhibit of the Snyder Act is on display in the Hall of Warriors in the Leonard C. Burch Building.

The Snyder Act, passed on June 2, 1924, was a complex and controversial measure. While it extended citizenship rights, it also aimed to assimilate Native Americans into mainstream American society. This followed a dark period of forced relocation and the establishment of Federal Indian Boarding Schools. Before 1924, paths to citizenship were limited and conditional. Common routes included land cessions, honorable military service, or marriage to a non-tribal male. “The Snyder Act was a double-edged sword,” Southern Ute Chairman Melvin J. Baker said. “It offered citizenship on paper, but al-

so sought to dismantle our identity. We were expected to abandon our traditions and languages to fit a mold. True citizenship, however, is about respect, not assimilation. It’s about honoring our shared history and upholding our right to self-determination. This fight for genuine citizenship and recognition continues to this day.” “Though the path has been long, 100 years of Native American citizenship stands as a testament to our resilience. We acknowledge the challenges that remain, yet we celebrate the vibrant cultures that continue to enrich this land. May the next century be one of true part-

nership, where the Indigenous spirit and identity thrives in the American story,” Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud said. The Permanent Fund Executive Office, Cultural Preservation Department, Tribal Information Services, and Tribal Council Affairs have created an exhibit, Strands of Strength: The Indian Citizenship Act 100th Anniversary. This exhibit is in the Hall of Warriors in the Leonard C. Burch building. Visitors are welcome to stop by Monday through Friday between 8a.m. – 5p.m. For more information, please contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2313.

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ies must involve the Tribe’s meaningful participation. This crucial step guarantees public safety, environmen-

tal responsibility, protection of cultural resources, and the establishment of necessary agreements. With this legis-

lation in place, Colorado can proudly stand as a model for strong and respectful relationships with its tribes.

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funded through the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). “This is an exciting partnership,” said Clint Evans, NRCS State Conservationist in Colorado. “The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is the first tribe in the nation to enter into an AFA through CSP. We’re proud of what that means for future relations between NRCS and the Tribe. We also get to play a role and join them as they expand their natural resource conservation journey.” CSP, a Farm Bill program, builds upon existing conservation efforts while strengthening agricultural operations. “The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s forward thinking and resource conservation focused mindset made them the perfect candidate for a CSP AFA,” said Liz With, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist for Partnerships in Colorado.

“They already implement top tier rangeland management and monitoring practices, and this agreement will assist in maintaining that high standard, while also helping to more widely adopt and implement a strategic invasive noxious weed treatment plan over the next five years. That treatment will target species from Colorado noxious species list to improve rangeland health and resiliency in face of the increasing drought conditions.” “This partnership will assist with improving our land, it will also honor the legacy of stewardship entrusted to us by our ancestors,” Southern Ute Chairman, Melvin J. Baker said. “By working together, we can ensure these rangelands remain healthy and productive for generations to come, all while setting a strong example of Tribal lead-

ership in conservation.” The scope and magnitude of this historic project is also noteworthy. The Tribe has agreed to enroll all rangeland acres managed by its Department of Natural Resources, totaling approximately 125,000 acres. Implemented conservation practices will help improve and favor deep rooted, native perennial plants that can help sequester more carbon and build soil health. This partnership is a tremendous opportunity for the Tribe, NRCS, producers, and the environment. For information about the Natural Resources Conservation Service, its programs, benefits, and opportunities, please visit www.co.nrcs.usda.gov. For more information about this partnership, please contact the Southern Ute Department of Natural Resources at 970-563-2912.



Tribal Office Closure

In observance of Juneteenth, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, 2024.

Normal business hours will resume on Thursday, June 20, 2024.

Many Moons Ago



Damon Toledo/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Employees working for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe spent their Friday afternoon participating in a number of activities with fellow associates during the Employee Appreciation Day on June 6. Many activities were available for the employees, including horseshoe tourney, bowling, Ute trivia, and the Strong Man/Strong Woman contest.

This photo was first published in the June 13, 2014, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Trae Seibel anchors his team to a first-place finish during Ignacio Intermediate School’s annual Field Day on Thursday, May 27. Trae just completed the sixth grade and is eleven years old. His parents are Shane and Melanie Seibel.

This photo was published in the June 11, 2004, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Arnold Santistevan/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

State bowlers (F to B): Brandi Naranjo, Robert Castillo, Angel Vicenti, and Deanna Frost traveled to Colorado Springs to compete in the Colorado State Bowling Tournament in the youth division. Not pictured is Nash Williams who also participated in the tournament.

This photo was published in the June 10, 1994, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Michele Cloud – Summer Youth student, working with Ernestine Burch at the Front Desk of the Tribal Affairs Building. Michele is the granddaughter of Sunshing Smith and daughter of Gayla Cloud.

This photo was published in the June 15, 1984, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

SU Brave Alt. in Towaoc & Dulce



Southern Ute Brave Alternate, Theoden Greany, lined up after the hat and boot special at the Children's Powwow in Dulce, N.M.



Southern Ute Brave Alternate, Theoden Greany, placed first in the Jace Harrison Head Boy special at the Children's Powwow in Dulce, N.M.



Southern Ute Brave Alternate, Theoden Greany, dancing during an intertribal at the Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance Powwow, in Towaoc, Colo.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Bird Red hits the stage wearing Towering Stone designs by Loren Aragon during the inaugural SWAIA Native Fashion Week on Saturday, May 4 at the Santa Fe Convention Center.

INDIGENOUS FASHION

Fashion Week in Santa Fe

By Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum

Indigenous fashion artists and models across North America made their way to Santa Fe, N.M. to participate in the inaugural Native Fashion week hosted by the Southwestern Association for Indian Arts (SWAIA), the event took place Thursday, May 2 to Sunday, May 5 at the Santa Fe Convention Center. Like larger fashion week events e.g. New York Fashion Week, this event featured multiple runway shows, symposium sessions, and industry parties highlighting Native designers and upcoming models.

This year's SWAIA Native Fashion Week was the first of its kind, the show had humble beginnings taking place during the annual Santa Fe Indian Market outdoors, under the direction of Amber-Dawn Bear Robe, who is the fashion curator for SWAIA, the inaugural event proved to be very successful.

In an interview with the American Art Collective: Ep. 260 podcast earlier this year, Bear Robe shared the history of the SWAIA Fashion Show and how the event blossomed into a dedicated fashion week. "Yes, the very first Native Fashion Week for Santa Fe. The very first Native Fashion Week in America on this large of a platform, and I've been working towards this for 10 years," she said. "This is not something I've just pulled out of my hat and presented to people. This has been a lot of work and great work, collaborations and partnerships that have gotten SWAIA Fashion to this point of the Fashion Week."

"The first runway, the first indoor runway was 80 feet long, I believe. Maybe it

was 60. Then it grew to 80, and then it's now at 100 feet long." Bear Robe said. "So it just kept growing and everything kept getting bigger, the audience just had more demand. The very first fashion shows, I was begging models to like, please, please, I was like scouting models. I was calling other designers and I was doing everything I could to source models to walk these shows, but I am in such a great place now because I have models who are contacting me from across Canada, the United States, contacts who want to walk for the SWAIA Fashion Week."

Local artist and musician Bird Red attended SWAIA Native Fashion week as a model for artist Loren Aragon and his brand "Towering Stone." Red is a first descendant of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and has been modeling professionally for 10 months with his first modeling opportunity being the Native Love Indigenous Fashion show which took place last year in August. In a recent interview with The Southern Ute Drum, Red shared how he got his start in modeling locally and his experience during the SWAIA Fashion Week event.

"Originally, I was the emcee for the Native Love Indigenous Fashion show but out of nowhere a designer got in contact with my mom, so I started working with this designer named Kathleen Tom-Garcia." Red said. "Her brand is called Kathleen's Design, she ended up wanting my cousin and my sister Aislinn to also model and that is when we all modeled for our first time – from there I was invited to another show which eventually led me to SWAIA."

"The day of the show is very busy, even though my

show started at three o'clock, I had to be there at the Santa Fe Convention Center at seven thirty in the morning – after checking in you go into the dressing room," Red said. "The dressing room is huge, there is also a make-up room and a hair room, there you start to get ready – by noon we had our official show rehearsal. I was really nervous the closer and closer we got to showtime matter of fact I don't even remember the walk – I just had to focus and remember my stops and poses."

"This experience was something I will never forget, and it was super impactful in my life," Red said. "The best part of this experience was that I traveled there on my own so far away for a dream that I am chasing."

Bird Red encourages Indigenous people who are interested in modeling to reach out for advice and to keep chasing their dreams. "100% reach out to me for any type of advice, I'm also still new to this but I can give you as many tools as I have," Red said. "Start your own portfolio, a modeling page on Instagram or anywhere – there are so many ways to promote yourself."

Bird Red is looking forward to modeling during the Indigifest Fashion Show on Saturday, July 20 in Sheep Springs, N.M., he also hopes to be selected for the Santa Fe Indian Market Native Fashion Show which will be held August 15-18 in Santa Fe, N.M.

"There are so many opportunities out there now for us Native people," he said. "Always remember where you come from and always be yourself even though it's really hard to do that – remember your traditions, that's the number one."

SOUTHERN UTE SUN DANCE
TAGU WUNÍ



Ignacio, CO • July 19-22, 2024
Sun Dance Chief, Matthew Box

Because of the sacred nature and solemnity of the Sun Dance, the following rules of good manners and decorum should be observed by all:
1. The entrance of the Medicine Lodge should have a clear passage at all times.
2. Children should not be allowed to play around the Medicine Lodge.
3. Women on their menstrual cycle are not permitted near the Medicine Lodge.
4. Drugs and alcohol are not permitted on the Sun Dance grounds.
5. Camera, video/tape recorders, food, and water are not allowed near the Medicine Lodge.
6. Metal chairs not allowed inside the Medicine Lodge.

"Be aware. Be good to each other, and do not bring any anger, hate, or jealousy to the sacred grounds."

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For more information contact: Sun Dance Chief, Matthew Box, 970-759-7038.

Original painting by Ouray McCook, courtesy History Colorado archive



Teaching Ute



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Sponsored by the Southern Ute Education Department, Ute language classes are taught by tribal elder, Lynda D'Wolf. The hour-long classes are held in the Buckskin Charlie Room in the Leonard C. Buch Building every Friday at noon.



HEALTHY NEWS You Can Use!

Protect: The gift of walking

Learn good foot care

Diabetes can affect your feet and your ability to walk.

1. Clean feet daily.
Dry off really well between the toes.
2. Moisturize your feet with foot cream.
Do not use lotion between the toes.
3. Wear shoes that fit well and are comfortable.
Shop for shoes when your feet are at their largest-at the end of the day or after exercise.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Nothing is something worth doing

By James Wilson
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH

For all of you taking the time to read this column today, I thank you first and foremost. Taking the time to read a newspaper is increasingly less common in the world where the internet and smartphones take up our time as well as the younger generations who tend to rely more on those tools. This piece is not to shame or ridicule the use of the internet or cell phones, but just to highlight the importance of finding other ways to spend our time.

Our lives, depending on which season of life we happen to find ourselves in, is often defined by how much we do. Today I want to offer a defense for doing less, and the value in doing nothing. The nothing I'm talking is what most people think of these days as being "not productive." Productivity is not a bad thing itself, and the works, crafts, and our responsibilities are a big part of our life and living in a good way. However, productivity can become something of a foggy goal and overworking can become an addiction. Of course, for some of us doing nothing is a bit hard, because we are always thinking about where to go next and we are becoming aware of our body and its need for some kind of stimulation, which pushes us into action. Most people do not like feeling bored, which is our bodies' way of pushing us to get up and into motion. If we slow down enough to

notice our breathing and push past distractions and boredom, we will start to tune in to our mental and physical being. Doing nothing could be described as "going along, listening to all the things you can't hear, and not bothering." That quote comes from Winnie the Pooh, a gentle reminder to me that valuable wisdom can come from unexpected places.

There used to be more time spent doing what Dr. Alok Kanojia refers to as "unstructured mental activity," which is time where our minds are focused on awareness of our self and not a complicated task. Way back when, a lot of time was spent walking: during hunting, or while making things that took a long time to make by hand, but that wasn't too complicated for the skilled craftsperson. During those activities our mind wanders and in this case that wandering mind allows for us to decompress, feel feelings, explore our own thoughts and the interior worlds we all have. Flash forward to now, and many people do not have unstructured mental activity, we walk much less, tasks are often varied and complex, and our phones constantly distract us from that inner world of thought and feeling that was harder to avoid when these technologies didn't exist.

If you want to get to know your inner world better, you can begin with a single intentional breath. Take a moment now to tune into your body and your breathing, notice the rise and fall

of your chest and your belly with each breath. Notice the temperature of the air. Wherever you find yourself just look around and notice what you see, and then notice each of what your senses tell you. What can you hear, smell, feel, and taste. What do you notice? All the while, continue to breathe. Slow down, and just be.

Productivity and the world around you can wait for you for 10 minutes.

Here's to your good health!

It's okay not to feel okay

If you or someone you know has been struggling with their emotions, behaviors, or substance use please reach out to us. We can help you find appropriate tools and services that could help you overcome obstacles in your life. We are here for you. Please contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division at 970-563-5700 for more information or to set up an appointment to see a counselor or therapist.

Reminder: If you need to talk to someone, please reach out.

And for those interested in opioid use education, harm reduction, and support, please contact us for quick Naloxone (Narcan) training and fentanyl test strips. We can schedule individual, family, or friends training times at our Southern Ute Behavioral Health Building, or we can come to you, and the training is around 30 minutes. Please call us at 970-563-5700 to set up a training appointment.

JUNE IS MENS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH



MENS FACTS:

As we celebrate Father's Day, June is also the month that raises awareness of Mens Mental Health and encourages self-care among Native American men. Men are genuinely indifferent when it comes to their mental wellness, yet they always want to be there to support their families. The most specific issue common to men, and Native American men according to Dr. Curtis Randolph PhD, LPC with Native Americans for Community Action's (NACA) Behavioral Health division states, is historical trauma, which stems from traumatic events that occurred in a certain group or culture's history, causing mental health issues from generation

EFFECTS OF TRAUMA FOR MEN:

- A breakdown of Traditional Values
- Abuse of alcohol and drugs
- Depression, anxiety, and suicidality
- Child abuse, neglect, and domestic violence
- Posttraumatic stress disorder
- Internalized oppression and hatred towards oneself

KEY TO IMPROVING MENS MENTAL HEALTH LIES IN COMMUNITY, AND CULTURE.

HOW TO SUPPORT MEN WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH



TRADITIONAL TIPS FOR MEN:

Fishing
Sweat Lodge
Burning Cedar
Helping an Elder
Teaching /sharing cultural knowledge

BENEFITING

If you are interested in therapy or want to know more, contact Family Treatment Therapist Angelina Whitehorse at 970-563-2335

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Colo., leading to a master's degree from Adams State in Alamosa, Colo., an MBA with a Health Care emphasis. Additionally obtaining her Human Resources accreditation (SHRM-CP). The SHRM Certified Professional (SHRM-CP) credential is for individuals who perform general HR and HR-related duties at work; or for those pursuing a career in Human Resource Management.

"The need to help others in any way I could," in her own words is what drove Langefels to pursue a career in the medical profession.

"I realized I could still help people on the business side. I didn't need to be at the bedside to make a difference [in the field of medicine]."

In her new role as the SUHC Director, Langefels see herself working, "to help those around me to better enhance the services we already have; and to bring this role some stability, to bring that stability to our team ... I think that will go a long way."

"In July, I will be finishing a certified professional coaching license, through a company called iPEC." iPEC offers online and in-per-

son ICF-Accredited Coach Training Programs. "[I'm pursuing this professional coaching license] to help facilitate communication with my employees and to better myself ... to help us all on our individual journeys," she said.

The position of SUHC Director was previously held by David Tonemah, who resigned in July of 2023. Chief Nursing Officer, Charles "Lee" Williamson and Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Richard Keller have each held the Interim Director position since then.

All Parents & Caregivers Are Welcome

POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING

Honoring Our Children By Honoring Our Traditions

Positive Indian Parenting (PIP) has been used for over 35 years and remains popular today because the teachings are timeless. Historically, we had rich teachings that helped children grow up safe with strong families. Colonization threatened those teachings—our Native families were being separated and traditional practices were at risk of being lost. PIP was developed in the 1980s to fill this void and was designed to help parents and families remember our traditional teachings and apply them in the modern world. In part one of each session, we will discuss examples of traditional practices and teachings from several different tribes. Instructors also share teachings from local areas and communities. Part two of each session discusses how to apply those teachings and values today. Complete all 8 sessions to receive a certificate.

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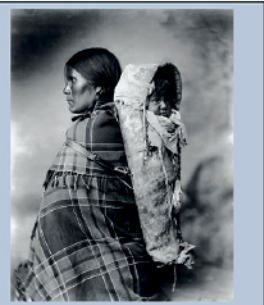
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Indigenous Cooking Matters



Mckenna Tso cooks the three sisters mash of black beans, zucchini, corn, onions and seasonings for the filling of homemade blue corn quesadillas.



photos Shining Mountain Health and Wellness

The Bagdol Family learns about the different types of Indigenous corn from chef Karlos Baca. Chef Karlos Baca joins Shining Mountain Health & Wellness to teach an Indigenous Foods Cooking Matters class. Participants ground blue corn and made them into tortillas. They also prepared a delicious three sisters mash to make quesadillas with the blue corn tortillas. They also made flavorful tomatillo salsa.

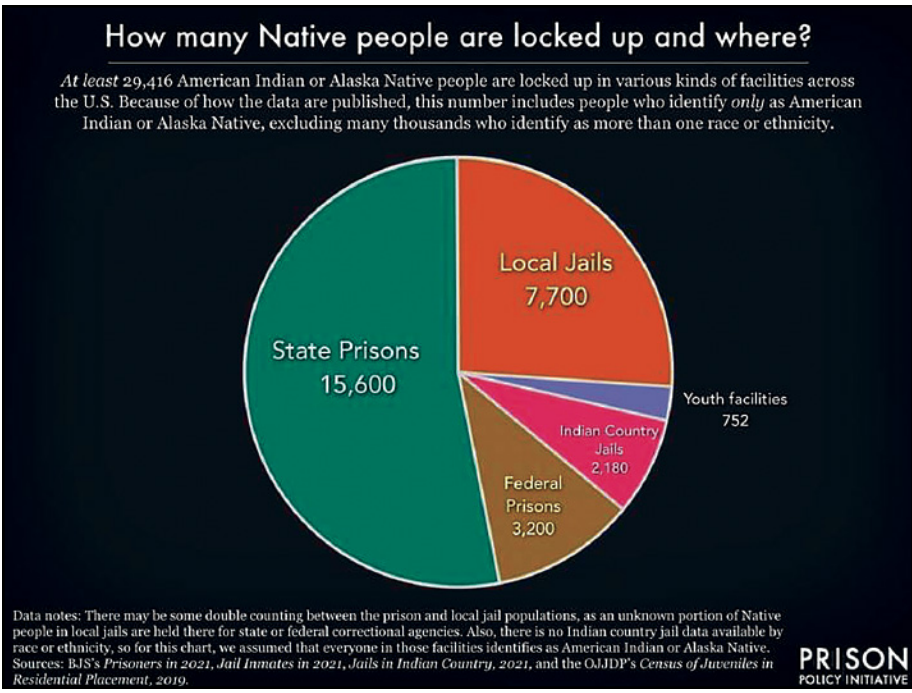
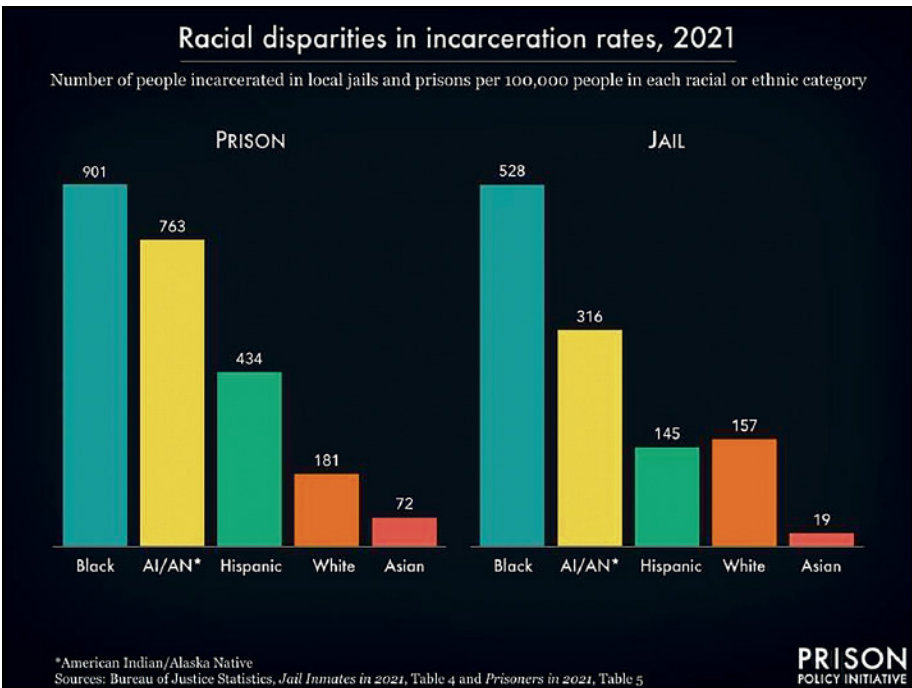
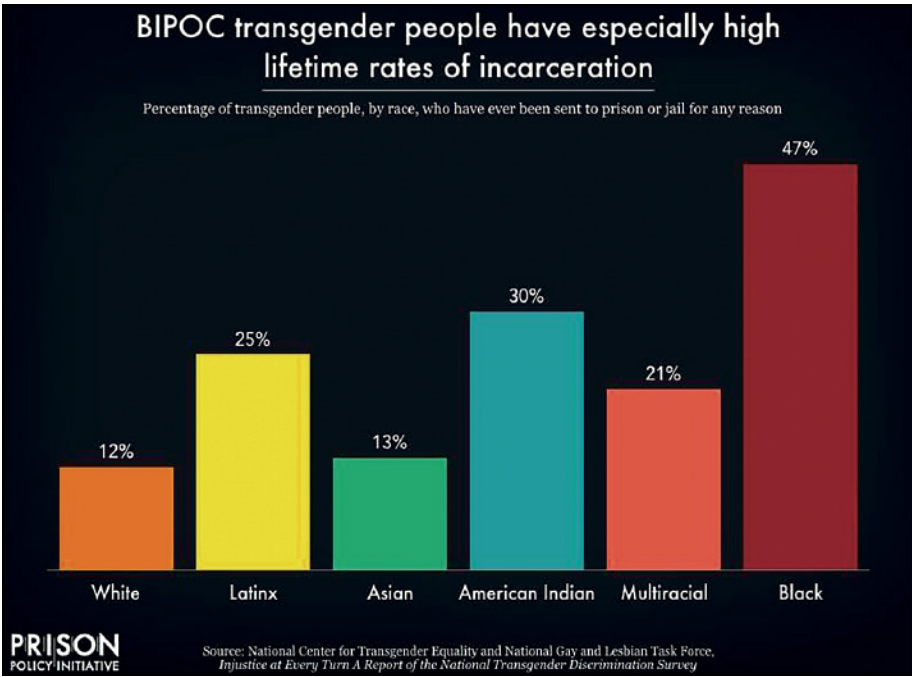
MMIR Task Force of Colorado Initiative

The MMIR Task Force of Colorado is actively working with the Division of Criminal Justice and Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to try to obtain information on murders of Native people in custody. Please contact us at <https://mmirtaskforceco.com/> if you have a relative or friend who was killed while in custody anywhere in Colorado. There is a lack of data nationally on how these Department of Corrections numbers are impacting MMIR statistics.

Data Sharing with State Agencies: Provided CBI extensive data to correct and update their records needed to develop their online MMIR Dashboard. This data was based almost exclusively on Task Force members research & our connections across Indian Country.

Advocacy: Assisted numerous families to pressure local law enforcement to issue the MIPA, resulting in many relatives being found safe & timely.

Mission: MMIR Task Force of Colorado is a volunteer run grassroots organization that provides leadership, policy development, training, data compilation, advocacy and support related to the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous relatives in the state of Colorado.



PUBLIC HEALTH

Staying safe in the summer heat

Staff report
AMERICAN RED CROSS

Summer's heat can be deadly, and some people are more at risk of developing heat-related illness, including adults age 65 and older, those with chronic medical conditions, people who work outside, infants and children and athletes.

You will likely hear weather forecasters use these terms when a heat wave is predicted in your community:

- Excessive Heat Watch – Conditions are favorable for an excessive heat event to meet or exceed local Excessive Heat Warning criteria in the next 24 to 72 hours.
- Heat Advisory – Heat Index values are forecasted to meet locally defined advisory criteria for one to two days (daytime highs = 100-105° Fahrenheit).
- Excessive Heat Warning – Heat Index values are forecasted to meet or exceed locally defined warning criteria for at least two days (daytime highs = 105-110° Fahrenheit).

The American Red Cross has steps you can take to help stay safe when temperatures soar.

TEN HEAT SAFETY TIPS

- Hot cars can be deadly. Never leave children or pets in your vehicle. The inside temperature of the car can quickly reach 120 degrees.
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids. Avoid drinking caffeine or alcohol.

- Check on family, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning, who spend much of their time alone or who are more likely to be affected by the heat.
- If someone doesn't have air conditioning, they should seek relief from the heat during the warmest part of the day in places like schools, libraries, theaters, malls, etc.
- Avoid extreme temperature changes.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun's rays.
- Slow down, stay indoors and avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.
- Postpone outdoor games and activities. The Red Cross has a First Aid, Health and Safety for Coaches online course designed to give those who take it an overview of first aid and "best practices" for many first aid situations encountered by coaches. Click here to find a class near you.
- Use a buddy system when working in excessive heat. Take frequent breaks if working outdoors. If you feel slightly overheated advise your co-workers/family members. Don't ignore it.
- Check on animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat. Make sure they have plenty of cool water. More information on how heat can affect your furry friends is available here.

HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES

Heat Exhaustion

Excessive heat can lead to sunburn, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. If someone is experiencing heat cramps in the legs or abdomen, get them to a cooler place, have them rest, lightly stretch the affected muscle, and replenish their fluids with a half a glass (about 4 ounces) of cool water every 15 minutes.

If someone is showing signs of heat exhaustion (cool, moist, pale or flushed skin, heavy sweating, headache, nausea, dizziness, weakness or exhaustion), move them to a cooler place, remove or loosen tight clothing and spray the person with water or apply cool, wet clothes or towels to the skin. Fan the person. If they are conscious, give small amounts of cool water to drink. Make sure the person drinks slowly.

Watch for changes in condition. If the person refuses water, vomits or begins to lose consciousness, call 9-1-1.

Heat Stroke

Signs include hot, red skin which may be dry or moist; changes in consciousness; vomiting and high body temperature. Call 9-1-1 immediately if someone shows signs of heat stroke. Move the person to a cooler place. Quickly cool the person's body by immersing them up to their neck in cold water if possible. Otherwise, douse or spray the person with cold water, or cover the person with cold, wet towels or bags of ice.

Deadly Aunties Tea

June 4th and June 18th from 12-1

SASO Office - Elhi Community Center
115 Ute Street, Room 22, Ignacio, CO

FINDING A MISSING LOVED ONE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- ### 1 Stay Calm & Contact Law Enforcement

 - Call the Southern Ute Police Department at 970.563.4401
 - In an emergency, call 911
- ### 2 Gather Information

 - Talk to friends & family about last known locations
 - Be prepared for questions from law enforcement:
 - Physical description, health conditions, current photo, & possible destinations.

**Note this list is not all-inclusive*
- ### 3 Designate a Point of Contact

 - Establish a single person to communicate with law enforcement and to provide updates with family & friends.
- ### 4 Seek Support

 - Remember, you are not alone.
 - The MMIR Task Force of Colorado can be reached at 970.553.0337. They offer assistance and resources to families of missing loved ones.
- ### 5 Alerts

 - The law enforcement agency in charge of the investigation is the only entity with authorization to request & cancel an official Missing Indigenous Person Alert broadcast by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

For more information, please contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2313
For questions or concerns regarding a missing person, contact SUPD at 970-563-4401

COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

New CDOT campaign brings awareness of dangers of hot cars in summer

Risk of heatstroke climbs in hot weather

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF
TRANSPORTATION

As Colorado heads into its hottest months of the year, the Colorado Department of Transportation is launching an awareness campaign to educate parents and caregivers about the dangers of vehicular heatstroke. The campaign urges drivers to never leave a parked vehicle unattended with children, older individuals and people with disabilities inside.

Heatstroke can happen inside vehicles with outdoor temperatures as low as 57 degrees. But at higher temperatures the risk is far greater as the temperature inside parked vehicles can approach 100 degrees in a matter of minutes. Last summer, there were 134 days over 80 degrees in Grand Junction, 100 days over 80 degrees in Denver, 96 days over 80 degrees in Fort Collins, and 89 days over 80 degrees in Colorado Springs.

Over the last 25 years in Colorado, vehicular heatstroke has resulted in the death of seven children, but with zero reported deaths over the past decade. Children knowingly left in cars by their caregivers account for 21% of vehicular heatstroke fatalities nationwide. "Running inside for a quick errand does not justify leaving someone unsupervised in a vehicle," said CDOT's Office of Transportation Safety Director Darrell Lingk. "Time away from your vehicle can be unpredictable. Short er-

rands can quickly turn into long lines or unforeseen delays. Parking in the shade or cracking a window will not prevent the interior of a car from becoming dangerously hot."

Eighty percent of the total heat rise inside a vehicle occurs in the first 30 minutes, when temperatures can exceed 150 degrees, according to NoHeatStroke.org. A child's body temperature rises three to five times faster than adults, and older individuals are also more sensitive to heat.

Additionally, people with disabilities are at a higher risk of heatstroke if they are left unattended in a hot car, as they may not be able to exit on their own or communicate their needs to a caregiver. It is essential for bystanders to provide help or call 911 if they see anyone inside a hot car who appears flushed, distressed or dehydrated.

Many people may question how tragedies like this occur, but mistakes can happen. Over half (52%) of vehicular heatstroke deaths in children occur because they were left in a vehicle by mistake. Whether it is a minor distraction or a change in one's routine, all it takes is one moment of going on "autopilot" for a driver to leave an unattended passenger, especially if they are in the backseat. CDOT recommends leaving a passenger's belongings, such as a toy or stuffed animal, in the front seat or entering your passenger's destination in your GPS as a reminder.

"The best way to pro-

tect the most vulnerable passengers from vehicular heatstroke injury is to put a system in place to double-check the back seat, or 'Look Before you Lock' every time," said Britney Lombard, CPST-I, Injury Prevention Manager, Children's Hospital Colorado. "It's always worth the extra few seconds to ensure the back seat is clear."

Everyone must take precautions to keep the state's hot car deaths at zero, not just parents and caregivers. According to NHTSA, over 25% of pediatric vehicular heatstroke deaths occur when a child gains access to an unlocked car and gets trapped. It is vital for anyone with a vehicle to lock their car doors so children and other vulnerable individuals cannot gain access to an unsupervised vehicle. Even if you don't have a child of your own, a child in your neighborhood could get into your unlocked vehicle. If a child is missing, quickly check all vehicles, including the trunk.

If you notice an unattended passenger in a hot car, act immediately and call 911. In 2017, Colorado passed HB17-1179, which provides Coloradans immunity from civil and criminal liability for a person who forcibly enters a locked vehicle to provide aid to an at-risk person or animal.

Learn more about the circumstances leading to hot car injuries and deaths and how you can prevent tragedies like these from happening at <https://www.nhtsa.gov/campaign/heatstroke>.



courtesy Bruce LeClaire/Boys and Girls Club of the SU Tribe

The new BGC Museum in Atlanta, Ga. has a Native Services section that includes a picture of Dawrence Romero's children (Sophia and Zerek).

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

LeClaire earns recognition at BGC National Conference in Atlanta

BGC staff attend Indigenous Connections Native Track

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe CEO, Bruce LeClaire; PT Program Aide, Dawrence Romero; and Behavioral Coordinator, Lilliana Baker attended the 118th Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Conference in Atlanta, Ga. in May 15-17.

LeClaire participated in a focus group of Native CEOs to review BGCA's "Future Ready – Agenda for Collective Impact" designed to provide feedback from a Native Club perspective. He is also a Co-chair for the Indigenous Connections Movement Resource Group (MRG).

"I was surprised and honored be presented with a "Recognition of Exemplary Service" plaque from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America President and CEO Jim Clark," LeClaire said. The presentation was made during a special luncheon for senior BGCA leaders.

LeClaire attended the Movement 2050 Reception, a group of national staff and CEOs from across the country, which he joined in 2021. Additionally he was invited join a special group of innovators in a new BGCA leadership forum by Misty Miller, Senior Vice President, Organizational Development for Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The Movement 2050 was charged with helping BGC think ahead about the future of the Boys & Girls Club Movement.

"I believe this group of cutting-edge Movement leaders could literally solve any problem – and I look



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum

Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe CEO, Bruce LeClaire received a "Recognition of Exemplary Service" plaque from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America President and CEO Jim Clark, Friday, May 17 in Atlanta, Ga.

forward to working closely with you in the coming year to do just that," Miller said.

"I enjoy representing the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on a National Level, the staff enjoyed visiting the National Headquarters," LeClaire said. "Highlights included seeing Usher, Alan Iverson and coach Dawn Staley." Usher and Iverson were both inducted into the BGC Hall of Fame, each having been Club members in their youth.

BGC staff attended the MRG Reception at BGCA National Headquarters in addition to the One-day Native Track seminar, Building

Your Personal Brand, while meeting with tribal leaders, board members, CEOs and staff from Native Clubs from across the country. Staff also attended the General Sessions, Training Sessions, the Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, and the Grand Finale Celebration.

"The 2024 Boys & Girls Club National Conference was an awesome event, the General Sessions were inspiring and there were many great sessions to choose from," LeClaire said. "It was great to reconnect and make new friends." There were over 3,000 attendees at this year's National Conference.

Natural Resources field day



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Just outside of the Multi-Purpose Facility in Ute Park, BGC Club members learned how to play Shinny, a traditional Ute game like field hockey. As told by Technical Assistance Specialist Janice Lucero, Shinny was sometimes used to help spread seeds as individuals would play until the mud ball would break as demonstrated by BGC Club members with their replica mud balls.



On Monday, June 10 BGC Club Members enjoyed educational and interactive activities based on soil health at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.

BGC Club member Avalyna Sanchez gets seeds for her mudball from NRCS State Outreach Coordinator, Cindy Einspahr. The Intertribal Agricultural Council Natural Resources Field Day event is held to give insight into useful resources for regenerative economies, soil health, local regional seeds, and interactive outdoor in-the-field assessments.

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Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

After two years of shovel and tractor work, the field begins to take shape.

AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

That Farm Life: Shared experiences to benefit the beginning farmer

Off to the races

By Marvin Pinnecoose
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Passion takes all the time in the world

It cannot be common to wake up almost every day at 5 a.m. with a sense of wanting to get up and hurry up and get into the fields. I don't recall ever being so anxious to get things done with any other job in my life. The other day, I was pumping standing water out of a section of field and looked up to discover that the late evening, multiple colors of dusk, and early night had vacated the premises and all that was left was pitch black. The concept of losing oneself in the work is a beautiful thing.

Steve Harvey says, "Your

God-given gift is the thing that you excel at doing, with the least amount of effort." I think the same can be said for doing something that brings happiness. If it makes you feel a sense of accomplishment and fulfillment, that is a positive thing. Being a steward of the land is cool, and I'm glad it only took me half my life to appreciate the hard work that comes from it.

Field No. 4

Working on an established field is fun. Any field that has some type of vegetation that can be leveraged is a plus for morale and helps to get the creative thinking going. Taking a field from raw dirt is more work, but it

is also very fruitful and has its perks. Field No. 4 was my arch nemesis in the past years. In a previous article, I had posted that some mean thistle that had overtaken the field. The field had literally no other growth other than noxious weeds and prairie dog holes. I think that even the prairie dogs gave up on living there and moved on to greener pastures.

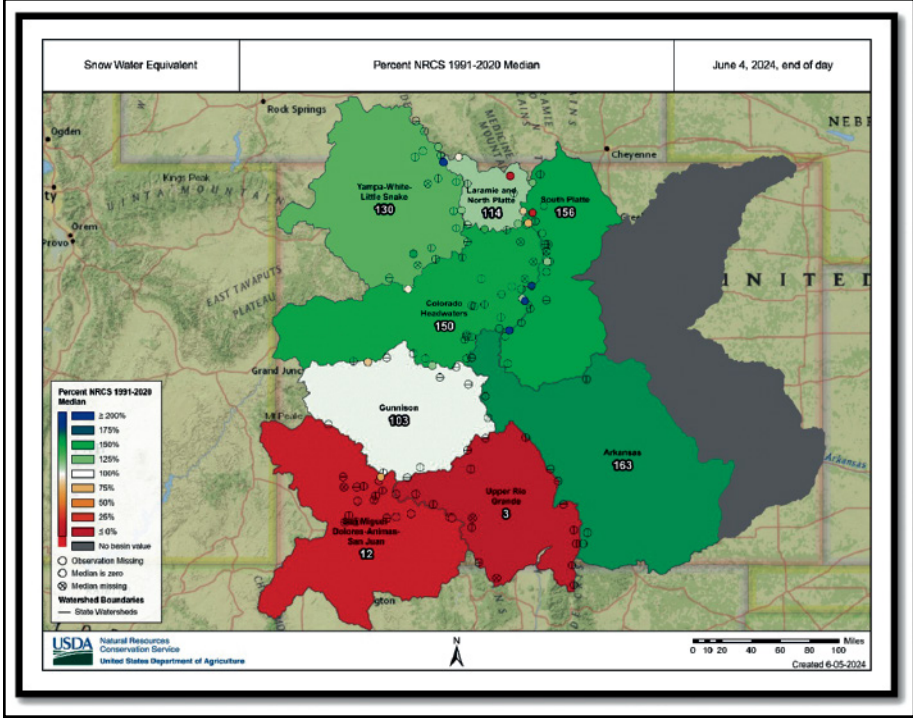
Two years ago, the field was disced multiple times before being seeded and fertilized. I was not able to get much water on it at the time, and without hydration, thistle took over again. The process was repeated last year, and because the sprinkler was finally finished, we could water in the fall and then continue in spring this year. The pictures I included for this article of the Drum highlight progression of this field over the past two years.

Some farm work has immediate results, and some takes a few seasons to develop. Establishing tonnage per acres, diversifying away weeds from established fields, and building new growth into difficult ground may require extended durations and a new appreciation of patience. Progress pays off and in time, field No. 4 is now showing promise in taking on the new growth of grasses. Thistle and other noxious weeds are still present in the growth, but mowing has been helping to knock down these weeds before they go to seed and to help build a stronger grass blade for future growth of the field. I will leave you with those pictures as a "years in review" of this tough field and look forward to bringing forth new pictures of a turning of the tide for positive growth.



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

As grass grows, the roots help to create a firm and healthy ground. The culture of the ground harbors healthy growth and invites healthy bugs and biomes.



courtesy SU Water Resources

Current Percent of Median Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) for Colorado watersheds.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Drought update and seasonal irrigation outlook for Colorado

By George Gavrielides
WATER RESOURCES SPECIALIST

With runoff and reservoirs peaking, the Water Resources Division (WRD) decided to provide a quick update on current conditions and an outlook for irrigation season and Summer 2024.

SNOWPACK

Snowpack is almost gone in our basin with Percent of Median Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) being 12% as shown in Figure 1 below. There are patches of snow in the high country, but it's dry. With recent warm temperatures, snow melted quickly, and runoff has peaked in our local rivers.

Luckily, our local reservoirs are doing good (Figure 2). Vallecito reservoir is currently 97% full and expected to fill. Lemon Reservoir is currently 83% full and may fill slightly more depending on irrigation demands. The Pine River Irrigation Project will get a 100% supply this year and irrigation season through September. However, Florida irrigators will only get a 60-65% supply this year with irrigation season ending mid-July

to late-July depending on weather conditions.

IRRIGATION FORECASTS

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DROUGHT

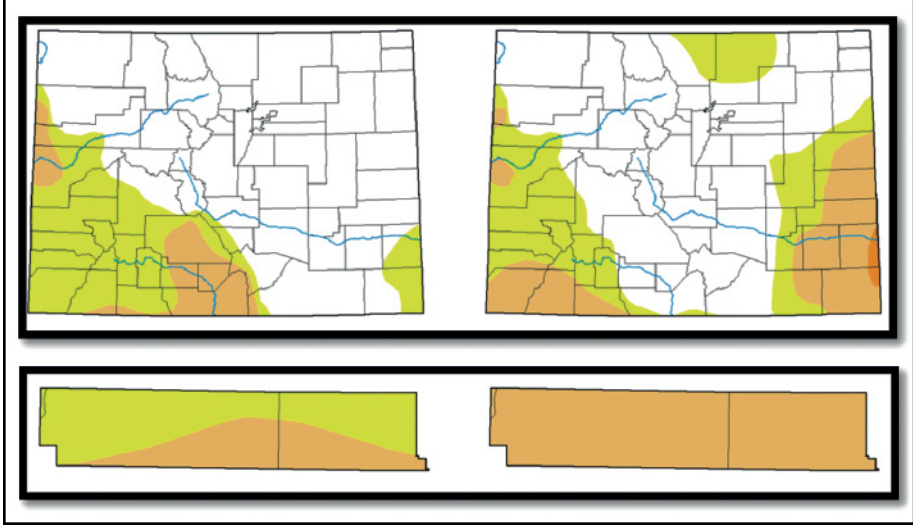
The western U.S. currently has regional drought conditions with some areas experiencing Extreme to Exceptional droughts. Southwest Colorado currently has Abnormally Dry to Moderate drought conditions. There's been some slight changes to drought conditions over the last couple months. The moderate drought conditions shifted more west, so our local area currently has moderate drought condi-

tions (below). The Southern Ute reservation has also seen slightly worsened drought conditions since early April with the entire reservation currently in moderate drought conditions (below).

DROUGHT FORECASTS

The NOAA Drought Outlook for June 1 – Aug. 31 shows Southwest Colorado having persistent drought conditions. Although the May/June/July precipitation and temperature forecasts support the drought outlook by showing a warm and dry summer, conditions can always change when monsoon season begins. Data and forecasting can be wrong, so there's still potential for decent monsoons this year.

The WRD will keep track of drought conditions and update the Task Force when major changes occur. The WRD nor the Task Force need to take actions regarding drought at this time. If you'd like more information on snowpack, drought, and forecasting resources, feel free to reach out to George Gavrielides, Water Resources Specialist, at 970-563-2932.



courtesy SU Water Resources

Drought comparison in Colorado between April and June 2024. Drought comparison on Southern Ute Indian Tribe reservation between April and June 2024.

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Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

Open Enrollment for the 2024-2025 School Year!!!

SUIMA is now accepting registration applications for the upcoming school year for new and returning students. You can apply online at suima.org under the For Parents tab or pick up an application at SUIMA. (Call the office before stopping by to ensure someone is on campus (970) 563-0253.)

- Must be an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member or first descendant.
- All returning students need a new application completed.



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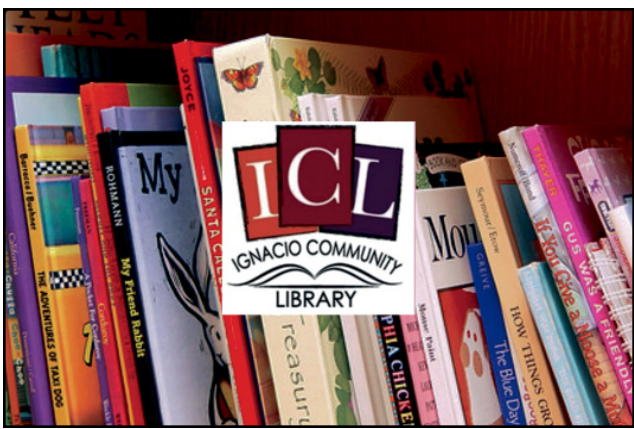
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Ron Schermacher
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One of the great advantages of public libraries is the money you can save by using the free services offered. It is estimated that you can easily amass from \$500 to \$3,000 dollars a year in savings depending on how much you read and if you check out many eBooks or use the available databases, literacy kits, library of things, and other specialized equipment. However, another method of holding onto your cash reserves is to buy books, movies, and more from the Friends of the Library Bookstore.

The Friends of the Library are a 501c3 charitable organization that helps support and fund literacy programs for our community. One of the ways the Friends acquire funds is through the library's book donation program. The Friends are happy to take your book, DVD, CD, and other usable item donations that are clean and in good condition.

ICL uses the donations in a few ways. First, we check to see if we want to add them to our collection either as a new copy or to replace a worn copy already in the collection. Next, we add books that have a value greater than \$10 to our Amazon and eBay book sales.



Then, we circulate the remaining donations through our Friends Bookstore.

As the number of institutions still accepting book donations continues to diminish, our Friends Bookstore continues to gather more high-quality books, DVDs, music CDs, electronic equipment, puzzles, and more. The inventory is constantly changing as we acquire more materials and have a limited area for displaying all the items. By checking regularly, you can find some real gems for unbelievable prices. Hardcover books are just a dollar, and softcovers are 50 cents (although you can always donate more if you wish).

As the bookstore shelves fill to the brim, we take the older books and ship them by the pallet to Thriftbooks. This is another reminder that if you are looking for books

online it is worth checking to see if there is a copy available from the Friends of the Ignacio Community Library or Thriftbooks. How long a book remains on the shelves depends on how quickly more books arrive, causing the inventory to rotate.

This also seems a good space to mention that the library almost always has FREE books, spare electronics cords and power adapters, as well as an ever-changing selection of unusual giveaways located on the table in the entryway.

So please remember that your public library is your money-saving place. If you are in the market for a good read at a bargain price, either for yourself or as a gift for someone else, come check-out the Friends Bookstore located just inside the front entrance of the library and the more extensive collection on the second floor.

Ongoing and Upcoming Activities & Events at ELHI
June 2024

ELHI Community Center (970-563-4100)

- Rise & Shine Teamwork Tuesday - first Tuesday of every month (10% of sales support ELHI!)
- Craft Fair & Meet the Trucks: June 22, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., artisans market, vendors; kids activities.

Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center (970-563-4600)

- Summer programs currently scheduled for the 2nd week of July & August, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Open Studio/Studio Membership: Wed. and Sat. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Beginning Wheel Throwing: Wednesdays, 1:30 – 4 p.m.

HCCA (970-563-0692)

- School out for the summer

HSC Training (Cora, 970-903-4813)

- BLS/Heartsaver Skills Checks: Bi-monthly on the 2nd & 4th Monday 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. (Call or text to schedule).
- Heartsaver First Aid/CPR/AED classes: typically last Saturday of the month 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Call or text to schedule).

Ignite Gymnastics (970-403-2636)

- Registering new students at anytime.
- Classes Monday – Saturday, typically.

- Summer schedule begins June 4 (T/W/Th camps from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.).
- CONGRATS to all the gymnasts who received medals in the last month!

JT's Studio (Jessica, 480-818-0779)

- Card making classes: Mondays 2 – 6 p.m., in Room 21
- Stamping classes: every other Saturday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and every other Sunday 2 – 6 p.m., in Room 21.

Pine River Shares (970-884-6040)

- FREE food distribution every 2nd Saturday of every month (11 a.m. – noon)

SASO (raven@durangosaso.org)

- Online Women's Support Group, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

SoCoCAA Youth Services (grades 6-12; 970-759-2011)

- Ignacio Youth Services: Summer Day Camps begin in July

The Clothing Closet

- Open for FREE clothes shopping (for all ages) Tuesday & Friday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

We Are Not Saints – 12 step program

- Meetings: Every Sunday, 7 p.m., in room #20; Potluck 1st Sunday of the month.

Summer Reading is coming!

Join our Summer Reading program and embark on a journey of reading and discovery. Log your reading progress, write reviews, and explore books under special categories to earn badges and prizes. Top readers in each age group will be rewarded with a special reading prize at the end of the program. Get a prize every Wednesday by showing us that you've been reading. Don't wait, come join us for a summer full of reading fun! Download the Beanstack App today to register and begin your Summer Reading Adventure, you can also signup at our Opening Day Party on Wednesday, June 5 at 10 a.m.

Summer Tutoring

I am offering 1-1 summer tutoring at the Southern Ute Education Department to students entering 4th, 5th, and 6th grade for the 2024-25 school year. These are students who will have just completed 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade in May 2024. I look forward to helping your child learn this summer!

Summer hours: Please contact me about your child's specific needs. This offer is filling up with my Ignacio Elementary students and SUIM students, but it is open to all Southern Ute, Descendents and JOM.

Kelly Fiddler, Masters in Education, Southern Ute Education Dept., 330 Burns Ave.,
kfiddler@southernute-nsn.gov 970-563-2779

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9 AM - 5 PM

18+ grand prize:
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SUIT celebrates long time employees



LaTitia Taylor shares a speech during her retirement event, sharing her experiences throughout her 32-year career. During her speech, she acknowledged her various mentors and colleagues who showed support throughout her journey.



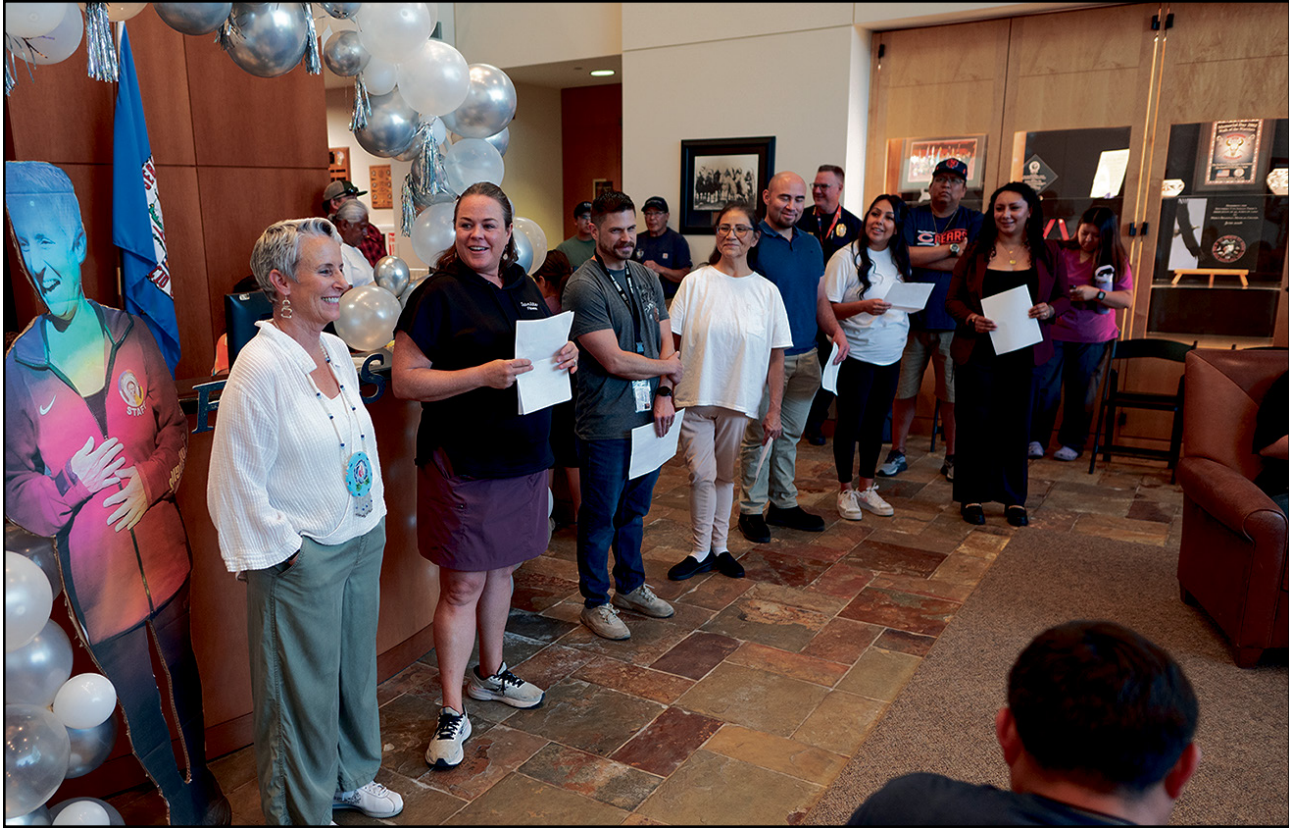
Heather, Damon, and Stoney White Thunder present LaTitia Taylor with a star blanket and an honor song. Within the families Cheyenne and Arapaho culture, individuals who exemplify leadership will receive gifts such as blankets, horses, or weapons for their achievements. These items are presented to the recipient with highest honor.

On Thursday, May 30 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility, surrounded by friends, family, and colleagues, former Southern Ute Education Director, LaTitia Taylor celebrated her retirement from the Tribe. Attendees took time to share stories, give gifts, and show their gratitude for Taylor's presence over the years. Taylor has worked within the Tribal organization for 32 years, paving the way for Indigenous students to achieve academic excellence. Throughout her career, Taylor has demonstrated dedication, initiative, stability, and continuous improvement within the community, to many she has been an inspiration.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



Employees of the Southern Ute Education Department open the remarks portion of the event, sharing words of encouragement for LaTitia Taylor as she embarks on a new journey.



SunUte staff present the tearful "Ode to Robin," a tradition within the department. Employees reflected on the impact Robin Duffy-Wirth has made and highlighted her personality as well as her many accomplishments during her tenure at SunUte.



Emergency & Risk Manager Don Brockus shared remarks with former SunUte Director Robin Duffy-Wirth during her retirement event on Thursday, June 6. Tribal employees took time to give their well wishes to her as she transitions into a new journey.



Robin Duffy-Wirth gave a speech during her retirement celebration on Thursday, June 6 in the Hall of Warriors. She gave recognition to all her mentors and the leaders who made an impact on her career, she also gave recognition to her longtime employees who have supported her during this journey.

SunUte Community Center and the Tribe bid a warm farewell to SunUte Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth on Thursday, June 6 in the Hall of Warriors. Numerous tribal employees gathered to celebrate Duffy-Wirth and her tireless efforts within the community. Duffy-Wirth has worked for the organization for 22 years and has been an integral part of the Tribe, most notably she is remembered for her support of many divisions and departments as well as her most recent dedication to transforming SunUte into a haven for local youth. Throughout her years, Duffy-Wirth has excelled in being compassionate, open-minded, collaborative, optimistic, and inspirational – characteristics of a strong leader within the community.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



Lucero takes Oath of Office



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

The Oath of Office was administered by Associate Judge Paul Whistler, in the Southern Ute Tribal Court Tuesday, June 11. Tribal Council member Marge Barry, Executive Officer Lindsey Box, J&R Director Chris Mimmack and Chief of Police Michael Barrow offered newly sworn SUPD officer Selena Lucero congratulations and words of support in her new career endeavor with the Southern Ute Police Department.

Officer Selena Lucero had her SUPD badge pinned on by her friend, Raymond Valdez, Tuesday, June 11.



Changing of the Guard



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

La Plata County Sheriff, Sean Smith congratulates Phillips on his retirement, prior to serenading him with a song. Ignacio Mayor Clark Craig declared May 31, 2024, as Chief Kirk Phillips day in Ignacio, Colo. recognizing his decades of service to both the community and the Ignacio Police Dept.



Community members packed Ignacio's Town Hall to celebrate the retirement of Police Chief Kirk Phillips Thursday, May 30; Tina Velasquez was among the many in attendance.

Ignacio Police Chief Kirk Phillips retired at the end of May following 32 years of service with the Ignacio Police Department. Phillips was given an opportunity to address friends, family and fellow law enforcement who attended the retirement held in Ignacio's Town Hall, Thursday, May 30.

**Canasta
CARD GAME**

Sunday, June 23 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Join us at the library for an enjoyable and social Canasta card game!

We will provide a variety of snacks, but please feel free to bring your favourite snack to share with the group. This is a great opportunity to have fun, socialize, and enjoy a friendly game of Canasta!

Tie-Dye Party!

at the Ignacio Community Library

Looking for a fun and creative activity?

Bring your own white t-shirt and join us for a tie-dye! We'll provide all the materials you need, except for the shirts, so you can let your imagination run wild and create a unique design.

This is a drop-in program, open to everyone, regardless of age.

Tuesday, June 18 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Southern Ute Economic Development is excited to announce the launch of the new Píinu Núuchi Farmers Market & Outdoor Biz Lab!

The new event and business workshop series will serve as a small business incubator for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and surrounding community by providing local agriculture producers, artisans, and other vendors with an accessible marketplace and additional support through business related workshops hosted during the market. The market will run weekly on Fridays starting July 12 through September 27. It will be held in the parking lot in front of KSUT located at 15150 HWY 172, Ignacio, CO. For additional details or to sign-up as a vendor contact Economic Development Staff: Colton Black, Economic Development Manager – cblack@southernute-nsn.gov Jennifer Rummery, Project Coordinator – jrummery@southernute-nsn.gov

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Shawls in full swing in Towaoc for Bear Dance



Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance Chief, Terry Knight Sr. and Southern Ute tribal elder, Ramona Eagle dance together for a line dance on Sunday, May 2, adorned in bright colors and bead work dancers from each Ute tribe gathered for the annual celebration.



Dancers Terry Knight Jr. and Zuriah Baker pair up for a dance at dusk.



Towaoc singers provide songs for dancers throughout the evening ahead of the last dance.



The Bear Dance corral was filled with dancers on Sunday evening, dancers of all ages came together to celebrate the new year.



Southern Ute tribal member Shayne White Thunder takes to the corral for an evening dance, White Thunder also represented the Tribe as Little Miss Southern Ute during the 135th Annual Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance.



Young dancers head to the line after selecting their dance partners. Bear Dance is a woman's choice dance and partners will "cut" into pairs as directed by the Catman after the start of each song, moving in time with the rhythm and their respective partners.

Bear Dance was in full swing during the 135th Annual Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance held Friday, May 31 – Monday, May 3 in Towaoc, Colo. Attendees gathered to enjoy traditional Ute dancing and singing. The corral was filled with brightly colored regalia and dust clouds as dancers brought their best moves to the floor, singers from each Ute tribe kept the Bear Dance music going all day and into the evening during the four-day spring celebration.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



Southern Ute tribal member, Marvin Pinnecoose served as Catman on Sunday, helping to keep dancers moving smoothly.



HISTORY COLORADO

Grants invests into the prosperity of rural Colorado

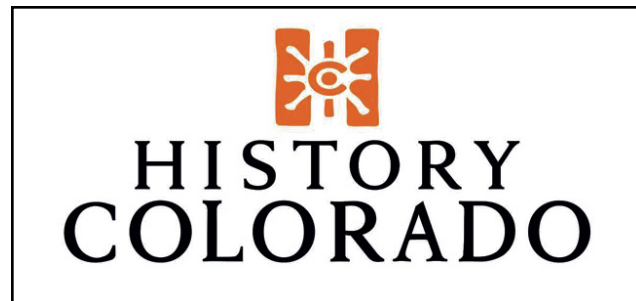
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HISTORY COLORADO

History Colorado's State Historical Fund has awarded \$5,499,736 to 37 historic preservation projects across the Centennial State. Of the projects funded, 23 are located in rural parts of Colorado and amount to a \$2,912,409 investment into the prosperity of rural Colorado.

"These grants not only preserve physical structures but also safeguard the cultural narratives and identities that define Colorado," said Marcie Moore Gantz, State Historical Fund director. "By supporting projects in historically marginalized communities, and with 62% of recommended projects located in rural counties, we are fostering a more inclusive preservation movement that honors the richness of our state's history while promoting rural prosperity. This funding cycle not only revitalizes communities but also stimulates economic growth and resilience across Colorado."

This grant round includes both General Grants (ranging from \$50,001 - \$250,000) and Mini Grants (up to \$50,000) and concludes Fiscal Year 2024 during which the State Historical Fund awarded 116 grants for a total investment of \$11,087,175 towards preservation efforts across the state. Since it was founded in 1991, the State Historical Fund has awarded more than 5,300 grants for a total of \$371,083,744 in funding for historic preservation across Colorado.

In addition to helping protect the stories and places Coloradans cherish, preservation efforts have a direct effect on the economic health of the Centennial State. Since 1981, preservation efforts in Colorado have created more than 27,000 jobs and generated



nearly \$3.9 billion in direct and indirect economic impacts, adding \$2.2 billion to Colorado's GDP.

Locally, the Dolores River Boating Advocates were awarded \$187,316 to conduct an ethnographic study that builds off of earlier efforts to identify sites along a 241-mile span of the Dolores River associated with Native American tribes with ancestral homelands in this area. Specifically, this grant will fund site visits by tribal representatives of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and Southern Ute Indian Tribe, as well as the Zia and Zuni Pueblos, to survey the area and conduct interviews about the cultural importance of the Dolores River Cultural Landscape.

The hope is that this ethnographic study will inform future land management plans for the Dolores River while also documenting the place-based knowledge of the tribes which historically called it home. Information gathered through this project will illuminate the history of Indigenous inhabitation of the area, the continued cultural importance of this vital watershed, and help identify traditional cultural properties and sacred sites so land management agencies can appropriately manage them.

Additionally, this project will help build relationships between tribes who have long been displaced from these lands and land managers so that tribal representatives can provide input regarding culturally appropriate

management of these lands for future generations.

"These lands are slowly changing because of climate-change induced drought, increasing visiting and recreational use, as well as a resurgence of mining activities," said Rica Fulton, advocacy and stewardship director for the Dolores River Boating Advocates. "It is critical that a better understanding of tribal connection and importance is established so federal land managers can better protect the cultural and natural resources associated with the Dolores River."

This project will be the first time that such an ethnographic study has been undertaken for the region and should lead to expanded interpretive signage, and educational programming for both the agencies that maintain this area and the general public which use the Dolores River.

The timing of this project is very beneficial as legislation is currently being considered in Congress that would create a Natural Conservation Area in the Dolores River Corridor. The Tribal involvement in this project would provide vital ethnographic data to inform future management plans for this conservation area if it is passed into law.

A complete list of all 37 grants awarded by the State Historical Fund in this round of applications can be found online. The Dolores River Boating Advocates in Montezuma County is just one of the highlighted projects.

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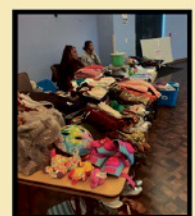
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Ignacio's Kyle Rima, second from left, accelerates after receiving the baton in a relay event during the IHS-hosted San Juan Basin League Championships. Known primarily as the Bobcats' top thrower, Rima showed surprising speed when asked to fill in and run a leg or two. Now graduated, Rima's senior year ended with him receiving All-SJBL Track & Field recognition.

BOBCATS TRACK & FIELD

'Fast' Company

Ignacio paces All-League track pack

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

After a most successful track-and-field season, Ignacio High School was properly represented on the postseason All-San Juan Basin League Team, with a league-leading 12 athletes – plus one coach – honored.

Now-graduated senior Maci Barnes could do just about anything asked of her and was always entered in multiple events at just about every meet IHS attended. Her versatility paid off as she managed to qualify for three events – placing top-ten in one (long jump) – at last month's CHSAA State Championships in Lakewood, and she was one of two (Telluride sophomore Austin Cook being the other) SJBL Female Athlete-of-the-Year selections.

Joining Barnes in earning All-SJBL distinction were fellow seniors Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga and Lauren deKay, plus promising sophomore Samantha Riddell. From the boys' ranks, seniors Corey Gomez and Kyle Rima were chosen from Ignacio, along with junior Kendrick Nossaman, sophomores Lincoln deKay, Zane Pontine, Trace Crane and Aven Bourriague, plus freshman Cayson Burcham.

Alfonso 'Ponch' Gar-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga receives congratulations from a competitor following an event at the IHS-hosted San Juan Basin League Championships. Now graduated, her senior year ended with All-SJBL Track & Field honors.

cia was named SJBL Boys' Coach-of-the-Year; his five State-qualified Bobcats returned from Jeffco Stadium with four top-ten results in five total events. Altogether, eight athletes represented IHS at this spring's grand finale, and five (Nossaman, Crane, Burcham, deKay, Riddell) can return for the 2025 campaign.

Despite plenty of competition from the 'Cats, Dolores sophomore Michael Rantz and Ouray senior Roman Sackman each received SJBL Male Athlete-of-the-Year recognition. Rantz finished fourth at State in the Class 2A Boys' 400-meter dash, and teamed with junior Tray Traweck, sophomore Aaron Nielson and sophomore Bridg-

er Beyhan on the Bears' State-qualified 4x400 relay which ranked 14th after the event's preliminary round and did not advance to the nine-team final.

Sackman, meanwhile, represented OHS in three events (senior Caleb Crandall went in four) and recorded a team-best second place in the 100m dash. He also placed ninth in the long jump and ran a leg on the Trojans' 4x100 relay.

THS' Sara Lopez was named SJBL Girls' Coach-of-the-Year after helping guide Cook to three events (the 3,200-meter run, plus the 4x400 and 4x800 relays) at State. Lady Miner sophomore Lana Kenworthy qual-

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BOBCATS BASEBALL

All-League awards aplenty for IHS

Valdez receives first COY award

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

After leading Ignacio back to the Class 2A State Tournament's Sweet 16 by blending a solid senior core with several emerging underclassmen, rookie skipper Isiah Valdez was named the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League's Coach-of-the-Year.

"It was a total team effort," he said, prior to leaving Bob Smith Memorial Baseball Park in Limon following a season-ending loss to LHS in the Region I championship. "We started slow all season in some games but we always battled back. They just played hard; everybody wanted to win."

Ruling the SJBL in 2024 for a third consecutive year, the Bobcats finished 5-1 in league and 18-7 overall – including a Round-of-32 victory over Rye in the regional semifinals – after dealing with an unexpected preseason change at the top, from successful two-year leader Duke Baker (the league's COY in '23) to former assistant Valdez.

Who knew he had to change very little on the diamond – not a good omen for IHS' opponents.

Senior Phillip Quintana was named a First Team All-SJBL pitcher, though his work behind the plate – especially as a mentor to sophomore heir apparent Gabe Archuleta (First Team catcher) – was also as valuable as his batting. Senior shortstop Devante Montoya earned First Team All-League infield, with senior first baseman Rylan Maez receiving Second Team.

Sophomore Ambrose Valdez, IHS' primary centerfielder this spring, was a First Team outfield selection along with freshman William Mendoza-Lechuga, the boss' right-field anchor almost from day one.

"We are graduating a lot of guys," said Isiah Valdez, "but we've got a couple young guys coming up. Any time you can get these younger guys that are going to be here next year playoff experience, it's always good moving forward."

Chosen to play in the June 11-14 Colorado High School Coaches Association All-State Games' basketball tourney at CSU-Pueblo, Nucla senior Steele Arnold was not only a First Team All-SJBL (pitcher) selection, but also the loop's Player-of-the-Year as NHS finished 8-12-1 overall and a third-place 2-4 in SJBL play.

Fortunate to sneak into



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

With senior Phillip Quintana (5) observing, Ignacio Baseball head coach Isiah Valdez socks a fly ball during warmups preceding the Bobcats' doubleheader at Dove Creek. Valdez was recently named the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League's Coach-of-the-Year.

the 16-team Class 1A State Tournament as its No. 16 seed, the Mustangs' season was swiftly ended by a 10-2 loss in Region I action to regional-hosting Merino. Nucla senior Hemmy O'Brien was also named First Team All-SJBL (designated hitter), as was sophomore Brycen Rummel (infield).

Dove Creek senior Gage Buffington was named a First Team All-League infielder along with junior Sheldon Gardner. Senior Aiden Chadd was the other First Team outfielder, and senior Jonathan Purkat the First Team utility player.

Senior Hunter Daves was named Second Team All-SJBL pitcher as DCHS (2-4 SJBL, second place) began the merry month of May having lost nine consecutive games and standing an unassuming 5-11 overall. The Bulldogs, however, finished 9-12 overall after suddenly winning four of their final five outings – including victories over both Antonito and Nucla in the 1A-District 1 playoffs, then a 12-1 rout of 12-seed Elbert in the 1A State Tournament's opening Round-of-16, followed by a 5-4 upset of No. 4 Simla in the Region IV championship.

Pit next against top-seeded Merino at All-Star Park in Lakewood, No. 5 Dove Creek's luck finally ran out as the Rams rolled 20-1 in four innings upon Keli McGregor Field. MHS then

edged 6-seed Akron 10-9 in the 5/16 grand finale, equaling AHS' two seventh-inning runs with two of their own. Having lost on April 17 to Akron, Merino finished 19-6 overall and on a nine-game tear. Also nicknamed the Rams, Akron – which actually swept the 4/17 doubleheader at MHS – ended up 17-6.

ALL SHE WROTE

Saturday morning, June 1, the season came to an end with Denver Christian (24-4 overall) clipping initial Class 2A State Tournament favorite Limon (28-2) in the State Championship at CSUP's Rawlings Field, 2 to 1.

Montoya and Quintana were awarded Honorable Mention All-2A in the days after the grand finale. Arnold was a Second Team All-1A recipient, while Buffington, Chadd and Purkat were Honorable Mention All-1A picks.

DID YOU KNOW

Ignacio's Senior Day 2024 doubleheader versus non-league Custer County took place on the 40th anniversary of the theatrical release of 'The Natural.' And though he may have been unaware of the unique calendar coincidence, Quintana had pulled something of a Roy Hobbs (the movie's fic-

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Longtime Ignacio Boys' Basketball head coach Chris Valdez speaks Friday evening, June 7, at a surprise banquet dinner commemorating his recent decision to retire from coaching after three decades – first leading the girls' program before the boys' – at IHS. The celebration was held inside Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center.

BOBCATS BASKETBALL

Valdez savors send-off salute

IHS coach honored for 30+ years' service

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Amongst those shaking Lee Larson's hand after the former boys' basketball head coach was officially inducted January 13, 2024, into Ignacio High's Coaches Hall of Fame, Chris Valdez had to know one day he'll be on the receiving end of such grasps.

And that IHS Gymnasium won't be the only place his name will indefinitely endure.

The wait to learn exactly where began in earnest Friday evening, June 7.

Lured into Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center, Valdez was caught completely off-guard to see a sizable crowd standing and applauding, ready to feast – Valdez himself believed he and wife Cindy, the party's likely mastermind, would be dining at the Casino's Seven Rivers restaurant – and commemorate the recently-retired Bobcat boss for more than three decades of dedication.

"Well, to tell you the truth I was one hundred percent surprised," he said, beginning an impromptu speech – bookended by 10- to 15-second ovations – following brother (and former assistant coach) Johnny Valdez's opening comments, and lasting precisely five minutes.

"I'm not worried about me and this being about me; it's always been about the kids and, of course, what we can do for our kids, our community, our school. But mostly it's for the kids, you know? What are we going to do for them today? What can we do to make them better, their lives easier? It's hard for me to ever want something for myself, because that's so selfish. But I do appreciate the people who came out today, and the relationship I have with each and every one of you – you know what it is – and I thank you for this moment."

After relinquishing the microphone, an impressive 13 more speeches were made, by former 'Cats, colleagues, friends and even rivals.

"I'm a worse crybaby than him!" joked Matt Lucero, longtime and still current skipper at Blanca-area Sierra Grande (east of Alamosa), after Valdez had choked up while restraining a tear or two. "So, if I get through this without crying Chris is someone that I've looked up to; I try to make my teams play like his teams. We're not flashy, we're not big, we're not 'athletic,' but we've got kids that play hard, and we've been fortunate that we've been able to get to the State Tournament. It's (about) leadership, getting your kids to play bigger than what they actually are – that's what he's always been able to do, and I've always tried to follow in his footsteps."

"And just finally getting to be able to talk to him ... we shared a lot of stories, a lot of game plans. And even today, you know, one of my offenses is called 'Bobcat' – he told me his offensive plays!" Lucero continued. "But I guess one thing that I want to say, is that ... everybody comes first – but your family – when it comes to coaching. And that's hard to say, because if you want to be good you've got to put in the time – and he's done it for 30 years! I'm in my 22nd year, and every month of June we've given up our (families) for everyone else; Chris finally – hopefully – has the time to give his time to his wife this month of June, and for every June that comes after."

"Look, growing up in Ignacio ... it's interesting; we have so many different personalities and so many different people and lifestyles, and he had to mold all that when they were playing. And I think that's the thing

that I admired most, was the fact that he could get us all to get along, for one, and then play," said former 'Cat Laramy Miller. "And I know I'm thankful I mean, we had a lot of bad attitudes on our team, I was probably the worst, but he knew how to get you ticked off enough to play good, but not so pissed off that you were worthless."

"I think we were playing Pagosa (Springs), and I just had a horrible attitude; my mom comes out of the bleachers at halftime and ... caught Chris on the way to the locker room, and she asked him if he was wanting to win a game or make men. And she said, 'You sit my son!'" Miller recalled. "And, you know, it got to me; Chris had a talk with me and It's stuff like that, it's knowing how to deal. I just want to thank him; I know he's changed a lot of lives and helped a lot of people."

"Coaching was the easiest thing for me," said Valdez, a 1986 IHS graduate. "I have, you know, 15 aunts and uncles on my mom's side, I had 15 brothers and sisters We always had a big family, a big community; there was always people fighting and jarring for position. Everybody was different and you learned how to talk to everybody at once, but to each as an individual. And try not to hurt anybody's feelings, but try to – as a coach – push your kids. So I've enjoyed doing that; it was something I saw my dad do, and this is where I got it from."

"And the hardest thing for me was to watch my wife raise our three daughters while I was out there on the court all the time," Valdez continued, with daughters Chrystianne, Kiana and Charlize – former multi-sport IHS athletes – all in the audience. "But every day she

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Kristianna Brann (8) greets Pagosa Springs' captains prior to non-league action this season inside PSHS' Golden Peaks Stadium. Recently graduated, Brann received Honorable Mention All-2A (to go along with her First Team All-League status) for her senior-year efforts.

BOBCATS SOCCER

Brann-tastic end to a career

Defender earns league-, state-wide salutes

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Reliable from start to finish of a fatigue-filled, resolve-testing soccer season, Kristianna Brann was a rock upon which new head coach Tori Burch could attempt to build a foundation for future Ignacio squads.

Used primarily as a defender/midfielder, the recently graduated senior was named not only First Team All-Intermountain (South) for 2024, but also received Honorable Mention All-2A distinction just a few days after Westminster-based Flatirons Academy's 2-1 victory over Buena Vista in the State Championship, played Wednesday evening, May 22, in Commerce City at DICK'S Sporting Goods Park.

The 16-team State Tournament bracket's No. 1 seed, FA improved to 16-1-1 overall; 7-seed BVHS slipped to 14-4-0.

Counting their final-day forfeit to league champion Crested Butte Community School, Ignacio ended up 1-14-0 overall and 1-6-0 in league – the only win coming at the expense of Del Norte (1-12-0, 0-4-0), playing an unbalanced league schedule.

IHS senior defender Jillian Middlebrook and sophomore goalkeeper Bella Lorenzini each received Second Team All-League praise.

CBCS senior center midfielder Leigh Harpel was voted First Team All-League as well as the Intermountain-South's Player-of-the-Year (and First Team All-2A to boot) for helping the Lady Titans go 7-0-0 in league play and finish 15-3-1 overall after falling 3-2 to FA in the State semifinals.

The playoffs' initial No. 4 seed, Crested Butte – guided by IM-South Coach-of-the-Year Tom Lewis – had blanked No. 13 Denver Rocky Mountain Lutheran 8-nil in the opening Round-of-16, then No. 5 Loveland Classical Academy 5-nil in the Great Eight.

The IM-South's Goalie-of-the-Year award, as well as First Team All-League (and All-2A) status, went to Telluride senior Jayden Fortner, despite the on-the-bubble Lady Miners' post-season hopes being popped by a 7-1 loss to CBCS in a final-day match – arranged after IHS forfeited to Crested Butte and DNHS to Telluride – not impacting the circuit's standings. THS went 4-3-0 in league and ended up 6-8-1 overall.

Also posting a 4-3-0 league record, Ridgway did advance to the State Tournament and was initially seeded 14th. The Lady Demons, however, were promptly eliminated 8-1 by 3-seed Highlands Ranch SkyView Academy and finished 8-6-0 overall.

MORE FIRST TEAM ALL-LEAGUE

Crested Butte – Molly Grace Miller (soph., forward; Honorable Mention All-2A), Nora Thomes (soph., center midfielder; Honorable Mention All-2A), Dakota Redden (jr., defender; Second Team All-2A); Ridgway – Addy Gardiner (soph., midfielder), Sophia Forrest (soph., midfielder), Sophia Scranton (soph., defender); Telluride – Tjarn Lyons (jr., defender).

MORE SECOND TEAM ALL-LEAGUE

CBCS – Calla Fenlon (fr., left wing), senior Sawyer Ezzell (sr., defender; Honorable Mention All-2A); RHS – Neva Hines (jr., defender), Madi Miller (jr., defender); THS – Mae Scarborough (jr., forward), Emma Reggiannini (jr., midfielder).

EXTRA CREDIT: Del Norte senior goalie Peyton Neal was chosen to play in the Colorado High School Coaches Association All-State Games' soccer feature Thursday evening, June 13, at CSU-Pueblo's Art & Lorraine Gonzales Stadium. Oddly, no other Intermountain-South players were (as of press time) chosen.

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ified in four (200, 400, 4x400, 4x800), senior Sage Gianola three (400, 4x400, 4x800) and freshman Ruby Ciecuch two (4x400, 4x800). Each was named All-League, as was DHS' Beyhan.

MORE 2024 ALL-SJBL TRACK & FIELD

Telluride – Kaila Rebollo Unda, Mateo Bubolo, Thomas Mahoney, Sean McKillop, Jaden Lopez; Dolores – Maya Lowe, Elia Lowe, Kendall Chavez, Coralea Wright, Kayla Tallmadge, Emma Kemp;

Mancos – Samantha Simons, Adaline Kearns, Aki-ma Kane, Teagan Archer, Brooke Jabour, Spencer Eschallier, Aysia Mathews, Teya Yeomans, Jonah Ritter; Dove Creek – Ambrynn Huffaker, Grace Myers, Ralynn Hickman, Colten Fury, Josh Kibel, Sheldon Gardner, Cody Alexander; Nucla – Steele Arnold, Keiran Bray, Cadence Shaw, Kieley Shepardson; Ouray – Vinny Schierenberg.

ADDITIONALLY

Burcham also received

Second Team All-2A Boys (800m) status along with Sackman (100m). Rantz received Honorable Mention All-2A Boys (400m), as did MHS soph Ritter (100m, 200m). Cook, Ciecuch, Kenworthy and Gianola were each named Second Team All-2A Girls for their 4x800 work.

Second Team All-1A Girls went to DCHS junior Hickman (long jump), while senior Alexander received Second Team All-1A Boys (110m hurdles) and senior Fury Honorable Mention All-1A Boys (long jump).



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Fueling up at Sinclair



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Two 20,000-gallon gasoline fuel tanks are lowered into position on Friday, June 7 at the Piinu Nuuchi Travel Center, formerly Thriftway in Ignacio. There will be four tanks in total placed under the soon-to-be-installed parking lot, once the tanks are placed into position and covered. The overhaul of the entire facility will take place over the next few months. Colton Black, the Tribe's Economic Development Manager for the Permanent Fund. "The Tribe negotiated a 1.8-million-dollar renovation of the interior, basically the whole store is getting gutted and remodeled." This also includes an exterior facelift with a new store front facade and signage, as well as state-of-the art fuel pumps.

Upcoming June Events at ELHI

- **June 22:** Join us at the ELHI Community Center for a craft fair and meet the trucks extravaganza. Vendor booths are available for \$20 and arts, crafts, foods and more are welcome! We'll also have face-painting, lawn games, a bounce house from BouncePagosa, and special guest vehicles to check out in recognition of National Safety Month. Register online at <https://forms.gle/QJ9D4JkvAmBtX2Sh7> or call 970-563-4100 for more info.

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The Southern Ute Powwow Committee would like to thank the following for all the hard work, long hours to make the Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow a success this year. We send blessings to each of you who traveled near and far, to attend this memorable event and we hope you enjoyed your time and look forward to seeing you all next year! May the Creator be with you ALL on the powwow trail!

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Southern Ute Tribal Council

Toghoyagh
Southern Ute Powwow Committee

To all Sundancer's and families

First off, all I come from a Sundance family. My father's one, my brother's one. (My mom was the first women Sundancer here. Our whole family started way back in 1978 anyway once in a great while I'd ask my mom why do they dance, it's so very hard to do. At least for me (and she'd say they dance so there won't be any war all over the world. Also, to value water because every living thing needs it. It used to rain all through summer when I was a child then our dancers would dance for water. Also, my mom would say they dance so we have food to eat and treat the people well all over the world and here too. Also, it's the best, best thing to do having two sun dancers' here the men and the women. Somebody should have another till we have four here. Like Indian way. This is the way Sundancers should be since days of old.

Joseph Rael Jr.
6/1/2024

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COMMUNITY GREETINGS

Beck wins the AA in the Colorado XCel Bronze State Championship

Ignite Gymnastics' six-year-old, Henley Beck just won the AA in the Colorado XCel Bronze State Championship in Child A Group with 37.40. She was also State Champion on Vault 9.575 and Beam 9.5 and Silver Medalist on Bars 9.25 and 5th on Floor with a 9.075.

Bella Harris, age seven, was 5th AA with a 37.125 in the Child Group 4, and Silver Medalist on Vault 9.65, 5th on Beam 9.425 and 5th AA with a 37.125! She was 9th on Bars 9.175 and 9th on Floor.

Also competing was Faith Pargin 9th Beam 9.125 Child Group 5, Ellie Wright tied for 9th on Vault Child Group 3, and competing was Lorelei Moore, age five.

In the Colorado XCel Silver State Meet, Briar Oelschlaeger, age eight, is the Silver Medalist AA in the Child A Group with a 36.00 and Silver Medalist on Beam 9.425 and was 5th on Vault and Floor and 6th on Bars 9.225.

Mackenzie Hardesty, age seven, is the Bronze Medalist AA with 35.70 and Bronze Medalist on Bars 9.35 and 4th on Beam 9.075 and on Floor, 9th on Vault.

Isabella Watson, age eight, Child Group 2 tied for 9th AA, was 7th on Beam and 8th on Floor.

Alexa Lemke, age eight, in Child Group 2 was Bronze Medalist on Beam with a 9.275 and tied for 4th on Floor and was 7th on Vault.

Brooke-Lynn Smith, age eight, was 10th on Vault Child Group 2. Sutton Forsythe, age eight, was 7th on Vault Child Group 3.

Zoe Wood, age 10, in Child B4 Group was 7th AA 36.15, 4th on Vault with a 9.375



and tied for 6th on Beam with a 9.3.

Adeline Crouch, age 10, in Junior A was 9th on Vault with a 9.1.

Paisley Moore, age 10, Evie Gosney, age nine, and Madison Hardesty, age nine, also competed.

The meet is still going on and we have two bronze sessions left. No other team from Southwest Colorado attended. The meet is being held at Colorado Gymnastics Institute in Aurora and started Friday, May 31.

Ignite Gymnastics
Ignacio, Colorado

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NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Krislynn Nikole Thompson, Civil Subject
Case No.: 2024-0046-CV-NC

Notice is hereby given that Krislynn Nikole Thompson has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Krislynn Nikole Romero. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **JULY 22, 2024**, by 9:00 AM. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 4th day of June 2024.
BY THE COURT,
Elizabeth Benally, Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Nancy Adelaida Vigil, Deceased
Case No.: 2024-0039-CV-PR

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The

Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **JUNE 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are hereby notified to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 17th of May, 2024
Elizabeth Benally, Deputy Court Clerk

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June 06, 2024

UPDATE

Do you know of a SU Road that needs repaired?

Email Us at – suroadmaintenance@southernute-nsn.gov

Tribal Planning has created a new Road Maintenance Request Matrix to identify, assess, and track problematic areas along designated SU routes. The new process will help us better allocate limited resources and prioritize repairs to areas with the greatest impact and benefit to the Tribe.

What Tribal Planning asks of you.

- Download the new Road Maintenance Matrix from the Tribal Planning webpage at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-planning/> or request a copy by emailing suroadmaintenance@southernute-nsn.gov
- Use the Matrix to identify and let us know:
- What SU Road needs maintenance & What Tier is the road?
 - Tier 1 are roads with the highest usage/traffic and will be colored **RED**.
 - Tier 2 are roads with medium levels of usage/ traffic will be colored **YELLOW**.
 - Tier 3 are roads with the lowest usage/traffic and will be colored **BLUE**.
- Use the map that is provided or simply ask for one and mark the problematic area and/or provide the latitude and longitude of the problematic area of the SU Road.
- Take & submit photos of the issue & provide a detailed description of issue.
- Provide a point-of-contact.

What Tribal Planning can do for you.

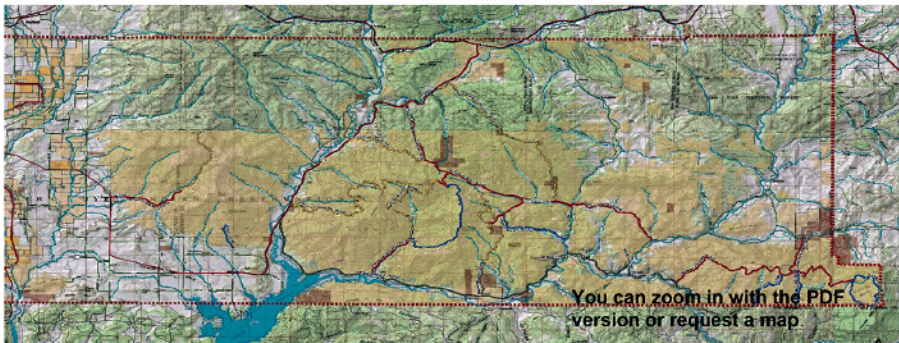
- Given the information from the Matrix, Tribal Planning can identify and assess the issue and assign it a priority score.
- Based on the score the request will be added to the priority list and an estimated time for repair will be provided to the reporting party.
- Once the issue has been resolved, verification will be relayed back to the reporting party.

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Admin Assistant II
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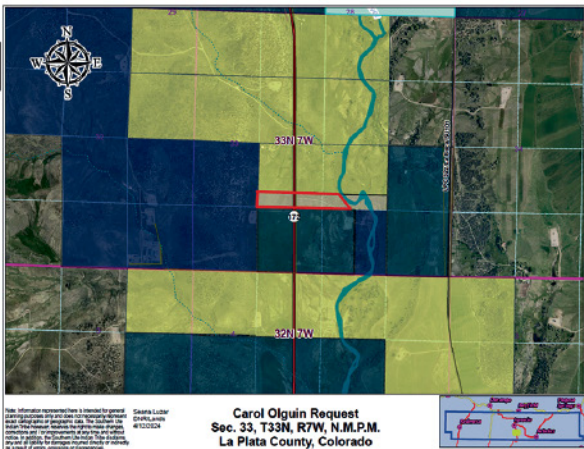
This is a map of only the East Side of the Reservation



45-day Notice of Comment and Objection Assignment Application Request Carol Ann Olguin

SUITC – Title 29, Land Assignment Code 29-2-104(1)...the department shall publish and post...notice of a proposed assignment for comment and objection. The notice shall include the applicants name, a description of the property for which an application for assignment may be filed, and a description of the use to be made of the land... 29-2-104(3) If, after review by the department...the land is determined to be available for assignment, the department shall publish and post notice of availability...

May 3, 2024



June 17, 2024

The Department of Natural Resources recently received an application from Carol Ann Olguin for an assignment of tribal lands. The land she has applied for is a small strip located next to her existing assignment. The easement to her assignment is included in the proposed parcel, which will grant her access to her existing assignment. Moreover, a catchment pond will be constructed within the proposed boundaries to enhance water delivery to the agricultural assignment.

SUITC – Title 29, Land Assignment Code 29-2-106. Objections to and Comments on Assignments.
(1) Within the 45 day posting period described above, any tribal member may file with the department a written objection or written comments on the land assignment.
(2) An objection shall include the name and mailing address of the party objection, a description of the assignment objected to, a short and plain statement of reasons why the land should not be assigned or should be assigned only in a modified form, and any suggested conditions which should be included in the grant of assignment.

Tribal members wishing to submit comments or objections regarding this assignment request may do so by mail or email to the Department of Natural Resources—Lands Division, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or sluzar@southernute-nsn.gov, on or before **June 17, 2024**.



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1

Go to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's website at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/>

2

Select "Members" at the top of the screen

3

Select "I need an account"

4

Complete the Tribal Member Access Request Form & click Submit

Account holders must be enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members and 18 years of age or older.

Your request will be sent to TIS for verification. SUSS will approve your account.

The login credentials will be sent to the email listed on the form. You may then create your password.

For information, contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2313 or TIS Vital Statistics at 970-563-2248.
For technical assistance, contact SUDEP at 970-563-5555.



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JUNE UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSFER STATION 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- JUNE 19TH JUNETEENTH — CLOSED
- JULY 4TH / 5TH INDEPENDENCE DAY — CLOSED
- SEPT. 2ND LABOR DAY — CLOSED
- OCT. 14TH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY — CLOSED
- NOV. 11TH VETERAN'S DAY — CLOSED
- NOV. 28TH THANKSGIVING — CLOSED
- DEC. 9TH / 10TH LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — CLOSED
- DEC. 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY — CLOSED

TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

MON.—SAT. 8 AM TO 5 PM / CLOSED SUNDAY

Tribal Members: Pick up 2024 Trash Permits—call office or contact Mr. James Red at Transfer Station Ramp. Show Tribal ID.

JUNE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Cedar Point Residents: Any tribal fiber line installation questions or concerns should be addressed to Southern Ute Shared Services at (970) 563-5555. Scan QR Code for info.
- Residential utility meters must be accessible by Utility Staff to properly read & service meters. Do NOT lock gates.
- Summer Projects? Call 8-1-1 before you dig to avoid line strikes.
- Shut-Off Day is June 5th! Pay bill before 10am on 6/5 to avoid late fees.

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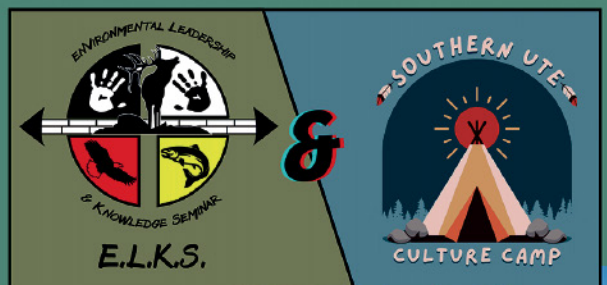
- Questions on your bill? Need help setting up your online payments? Call us.
- Monthly Shut-offs are the first Wednesday of each month:
June 5th / July 10th / Aug. 7th

Avoid Late Fees. Settle your payments before 10am on Shut-off Day

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Notice Of Direct Final Rulemaking and Request For Comments on changes to Article I and Article II: Part 1 of the Reservation Air Code

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission is seeking comments from interested persons on certain changes to the Commission’s Reservation Air Code (RAC).

I. Dates. This action is effective on May 17, 2024, without further notice, unless the Commission receives relevant adverse comments by June 16, 2024. If the Commission receives relevant adverse comments, it will publish a timely withdrawal in the same manner in which this notice was published informing the public this action will not take effect. The revisions to the RAC will become effective upon approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”).

II. Authority under which the changes are proposed. Authority is vested in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission by the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation dated December 13, 1999 (“IGA”), tribal law (Resolution of the Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe # 00-09), State law (C.R.S. § 24-62-101), and federal law (Act of October 18, 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-336, 118 Stat.1354) to adopt rules and regulations for air quality programs applicable to all lands within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The Commission’s direct final rulemaking authority can be found in section IV.G. of the Commission’s Procedural Rules.

III. Submission of comments. Please provide any comments no later than June 16, 2024. Please submit your comments to Danny Powers, Air Quality Division Head for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, by one of the following methods:

- E-mail: airquality@southernute-nsn.gov
- Mail: Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission, c/o Danny Powers, Air Quality Division Head, Southern Ute Environmental Programs Department, P.O. Box 737 MS# 84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137

IV. Supplementary information and summary description of RAC changes. The Commission is proposing to revise RAC Article I and Article II Part 1, by:

- (1) removing the “emergency” definition from RAC § 1-103 (23)
- (2) removing RAC § 2-117, “Emergency Situations

These revisions are described in more detail below. On July 21, 2023, the EPA finalized the Removal of Title V Emergency Affirmative Defense Provisions from State Operating Permit Programs and Federal Operating Permit Program rule (<https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2023-15067>). The rule, effective August 21, 2023, removed the affirmative defense provisions from the EPA’s Title V operating permit program (found at 40 CFR §70.6(g)) and required state, tribal and local permitting authorities to submit revisions to the EPA to remove the emergency affirmative defense provisions from their Title V programs within 12-months of the rule effective date. The Reservation Air Code contains affirmative defense provisions in Article I and Article II: Part 1. The provisions were modeled after EPA’s 40 CFR §70.6(g) provision. All revisions being proposed through this action are for the sole purpose of removing those provisions from the RAC. The Environmental Commission’s removal of the “emergency” definition from RAC § 1-103 (23) will correspond to EPA’s removal of 40 CFR § 70.6(g)(1) and the Environmental Commission’s removal of RAC § 2-117, “Emergency Situations” will correspond to EPA’s removal of 40 CFR § 70.6(g)(2). The Commission is publishing this direct final action without a prior proposed rule because it views the changes as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments that could prevent the Commission from adhering to the EPA mandate for state, tribal and local permitting authorities to remove the emergency defense provisions from their Title V programs within 12-months of the effective date of the EPA’s rulemaking. If the Commission receives adverse comment, it will publish a timely withdrawal in the same manner this notice has been published informing the public that the action will not take effect. It also will publish a notice of proposed rulemaking and will address the comments on the direct final action as part of that proposed rulemaking.

V. Where a complete copy of the RAC and RAC changes can be obtained. A copy of the RAC and a redlined version showing the changes is available upon request from the Tribe’s Air Quality Division Head who can be contacted by e-mail, phone, or mail, at the addresses or phone number noted below. The RAC and the exhibit showing the changes also is available at the following website: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/departments/epd/public-comments/>

For further information contact: Danny Powers, Air Quality Division Head, Air Quality Division, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137; telephone number 970-563-2256; e-mail dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov.

Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center Board Members

Open Until Filled – Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center is a non-profit organization that has been an integral part of the Four Corners Community for the past 15 years. The recent establishment of the new Dancing Spirit Center for the Arts has opened exciting possibilities for the future. We are actively seeking community members to participate in shaping this future. Kindly complete an application to become a part of this significant endeavor. <https://dscac.org/board-meeting-minutes>

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Open Until Filled – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently looking to fill two (2) volunteer Board Member positions. Responsible for knowing and effectively articulating the mission, vision, core values, goals, policies, and program areas of the Club. Members of the Board must attend meetings regularly and attend applicable committee meetings on a regular basis; also attend a minimum of one Priority event and one Club event annually. Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application on the www.bgcsu.org website or by request and returned to Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov.

ETHICS COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill One vacancy for “Alternate Member-At-Large” positions on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; and Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

GAMING COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking 2 Full time and 1 Alternate positions for specified terms, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age. Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation. Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures. Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality. Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. If you are interested, contact the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

POWOW COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – Two Vacant Positions: The Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee is currently accepting letters of intent to serve as a volunteer on the committee. The purpose of the Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee shall be to nurture and promote the positive image of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe through their dances and other activities to preserve our culture. The vacancy is Open to Southern Ute tribal members or any interested Native Americans who would like to be actively involved in planning, promoting, and executing Powwows on Southern Ute land. Must be willing to work hands on, attend all scheduled meetings and powwow events with a professional/traditional attitude towards committee members, tribal departments, and visitors. Please submit letters to: Southern Ute Powwow Committee, PO Box 737 #16 Ignacio, CO 81137 OR soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov

SOUTHERN UTE APPRENTICE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Open until filled - The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) and Apprentice Program Committee has one (1) vacancy. The Committee shall include 5 members which shall be appointed by Tribal Council. The Committee shall include

employees of the Permanent Fund who have a level of expertise and familiarity with the goal of Tribal member mentoring and employment in order to make a positive contribution to both the Committee and to the objectives of the Program. A majority of the Committee shall be Tribal members. The Permanent Fund Apprenticeship Committee (Committee) shall be appointed to administer the Apprenticeship Program (Program) which provides higher education, training, on-the-job experience, and mentoring to eligible Tribal members employed in the Permanent Fund. All interested Southern Ute tribal members, currently employed with the Tribe, who would like to serve on this committee are urged to submit a letter of intent to the Human Resources Department at PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or in person at the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

TERO COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest for two (2) Southern Ute Tribal member at-large Commissioners to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission which are compensated positions. Southern Ute tribal member/Applicants must have the following requirements: TRIBAL MEMBER AT-LARGE: Not currently employed by the Tribal Government or the Growth Fund; Does not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; and Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division or send letter to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please call TERO, at (970) 563-0117 or (970) 563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way, (north of the Tribal Court building).

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) is seeking to fill 4 positions on the THPO Advisory Board. Board Members will serve as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer’s Advisory Review Board and will be appointed by Tribal Council for three-year terms. Members of the THPO Advisory Board shall possess Ute cultural and historical knowledge as well as understand Tribal, state, and federal historic preservation regulations and laws. The THPO will ensure that as appropriate the Advisory Board will have the benefit of advice from consultants who meet the Secretary of the Interior’s Historic Preservation Professional Standards, in the professions appropriate for the resources under consideration. For more information or to submit a letter of interest, please contact Crystal Rizzo at 970-563-2306 or crizzo@southernute-nsn.edu.

TRIBAL MEMBER WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Southern Ute tribal member needed for Wildlife Advisory Board vacancy. The Tribe is seeking enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to fill ONE seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe are compensated \$20 per hour for meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested Tribal Members must submit a brief letter of interest that includes a description of the applicant’s knowledge and experience with wildlife, hunting, or fishing, on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. In addition, as a condition of appointment to the Board, applicants must submit a standard job application through the Tribe’s Human Resources Department, as well as agree to a State of Colorado background check. Please submit letters to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through 5 p.m. Thursday, August, 15.

Southern Ute Language Working Group

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Language Working Group is looking for seven (7) eligible tribal member applicants to serve on the Southern Ute Language Committee. The Committee shall operate under the supervision of the Cultural Preservation Department to preserve the Southern Ute language so that future generations will be educated and partake of this gift given to our forefathers and their forefathers by our Creator. Requirements: Three-year term; meet twice a month as a committee; and must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member. Please submit your request for appointment to e-mail crizzo@southernute-nsn.gov or by mail, Southern Ute Language Committee, c/o Cultural Preservation Dept., Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO, 81137.



The Southern Ute Election Board
is seeking two (2) Regular Board Members and
two (2) Alternate Board Members

The Election Board is a paid committee that follows IRS guidelines, and eligibility for Southern Ute Employee benefits are based on hours. A criminal background check is required and as an appointed official of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, you are subject to the Code of Ethics.

Qualifications: 11-2-102, (1) & (3):

- Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter
- Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation
- Shall not have been convicted of a felony
- Shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding the appointment

Please submit your Letter of Intent to:

Human Resources, PO Box 737 Ignacio, CO 81137
Physical Address: 356 Ouray Dr. Ignacio, CO 81137

Closing Date: Open until Filled

To apply please submit a Letter of Intent with the following:

- Full Name
- Contact Information (i.e. address, phone number, email address)
- Date
- It is suggested and helpful to include one or more of the following details:
 - Description of why you are a good fit for the position
 - Explanation of your motivation to join the Committee
 - List relevant experience
 - Outline ideas of how you can improve this committee
 - Disclosure of any other Boards/Committees you currently serve on

For more information, please contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2319 or email swhyte@southernute-nsn.gov

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JOHNSON-O’MALLEY
COMMITTEE

Johnson-O’Malley (JOM) has
four vacancies to be filled.

- Committee member
- Committee member
- Committee member
- Vice-chair (to be elected
by committee)

The committee
meets on the
first Monday of
every month!

- 1.To be eligible to become a
JOM committee member you
must have a student(s) in the
Ignacio and/or Bayfield
School District
- 2.Student(s) must be
registered with the JOM
program
- 3.Write a letter of interest as
to why you want to be on the
committee. This position is a
volunteer position to
support our students. If
selected, you will serve on
the committee for 2 years



Contact Education Specialist, Southern Ute Education,
Kaylyn LeClaire
for more information: kleclair@southernute-nsn.gov OR
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Auto-Mechanic II (Southern Ute members only)

Closes 6/28/24 – Diagnoses problems with automobiles, trucks, and other tribally owned vehicles. Orders the necessary parts through the Motor Pool Foreman and performs the needed repairs. Performs scheduled inspections and preventive maintenance on Tribal vehicles in accordance with the Fleet Manual schedule established by the Motor Pool Service Manager. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$23.63/hour.

Curriculum Specialist – Ute Language (Southern Ute members only)

Closes 6/17/24 – Design and development of the Ute curriculum taught to students and staff at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA), including students at the local school district, and the community. Working with the Ute Language Teachers, and parents on an individual basis, sharing ideas and materials to assist in learning and retaining the Ute language and culture. Assists all students in reaching the goals and objectives of SUIMA and the Education Department. Incorporating the Ute history, culture, and folklore into the language instruction. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155.00/year.

Public Health Nurse

Closes 6/14/24 – Providing public health nursing care and case management to individuals, families and the community. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$33.93/hour.

Registered Nurse

Closes 6/14/24 – Providing professional and clinical services. Pay grant funded and continued employment is contingent upon the availability of grant funding. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$33.93/hour.

Social Worker

Closes 6/28/24 – An advanced level position that requires knowledge of the theories, principles, and concepts of social casework practice (assessment and treatment oriented) related to all of the assigned program areas, including child and adult protection services. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155/year.

After School Program Attendant (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – A regular part-time position that provides education and physical activities for the after-school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after-school program. Pay grade N6; Salary starts at \$16.096/hour.

Air Quality Scientist II – Planning

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager – Monitoring and Planning, coordinating and conducting technical, regulatory, and air quality improvement planning tasks for the Tribal Air Quality Planning Program. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$77,627/year.

Aquatics Manager

Open Until Filled – Under supervision of Fitness Director, provides management and supervision of aquatics facility, to include day-to-day operations of facility, in-service training, pool maintenance, supervision of lifeguards, performing lifeguard duties, and sets high expectations of safety. Pay grade E11; Pay starts at \$49,160/year.

Chief Judge Apprentice (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – An apprentice position for a Southern Ute Tribal member to learn all the requirements and duties of the Chief Judge position in the Southern Ute Tribal Court. Mentoring, training, and all aspects of employee supervision will be performed by the current Chief Judge or delegate in accordance with SUIT Personnel Policies and Procedures. For purpose of employment, the successful candidate shall be classified as an apprentice. The Judicial Review Committee shall also provide insight, guidance, and recommendations when needed. The length of the trainee program is two years to five years depending upon experience and individual progress. Performance will be evaluated pursuant to the requirements of the Tribal Apprenticeship Program and annually with the Tribal Judicial Committee. Will be eligible for wage increase based on performance evaluations and policies governing this position. Upon successful completion of the curriculum, will transition into the Chief Judge Lay position. Non-exempt and starts at 20% below a grade E22.

Clinical Applications Coordinator

Open Until Filled – Under general direction of the Health Center Support Services Manager, serves as the Clinical Applications Coordinator (CAC) for the Southern Ute Tribal Health Department and the Southern Ute Health Center. Maintaining the Electronic Health Record (EHR) / Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) for the Health Department, coordinating up-grades, and providing training to all users. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155/year.

Dentist (Part-time w/benefits)

Open Until Filled – Providing, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Pay grade E22; pay starts at \$113,890.20/year.

Detention Transport Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the detention

center. Responsible for transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade N13; pay starts at \$28.60/hour.

Director of Strategic Planning

Open Until Filled – Working with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Council to define, plan, implement, and achieve the strategic and financial plan objectives and priorities determined by Tribal Council. Researching and critically analyzing past strategies and modifying and developing those plans and strategies to address current circumstances; developing training material for Tribal Council Members regarding the Tribe's Financial Plan and other strategic plans; and communicating the financial and strategic plans to the Tribal Membership. Coordination with Tribal Council, facilitates strategic planning, including but not limited to tribal entities and tribal membership when deemed appropriate. Acts as a liaison between the Tribal Council and the Tribal Entities; accessing and gathering information as authorized by Tribal Council. Reports functionally to the Tribal Council and administratively to Tribal Council Affairs management. Pay grade E22; pay starts at \$189,817.00/annually.

Dispatcher

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Communications Manager, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

Dispatcher Trainee (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in Law Enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. While in the trainee status, participates and engages in in-house training and work activities specifically designed and chosen to train and indoctrinate the individual to work an emergency communications dispatch center. Work is performed under the guidance of an experienced dispatcher. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Dispatcher position. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N10 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

Education Assistant

Open Until Filled – Assists Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with educational, physical, emotional, and social growth and development under direction of a certified guide. Supporting instruction through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children. Pay grade N6; pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade E12; Pay starts at \$54,086/year.

Forestry Fuels Crew Member

Open Until Filled – Under the general supervision of the Forester and/or Forestry Division Head and represents the Department of Natural Resources in a professional manner while implementing fuels and thinning projects in order to meet multiple natural resource objectives and to supply fuelwood to the Tribal membership. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$17.37/hour.

Gaming Investigator I

Open Until Filled – An entry level position located under the Southern Ute Division of Gaming (DOG). Under general supervision of the Gaming Investigator III, works in coordination with other DOG Investigators to learn and perform Law Enforcement/Regulatory duties for the enforcement of Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$28.60/hour.

Gaming Investigator II

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Gaming Investigator III, incumbent regulates and controls Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade N14; Pay starts at \$30.84/hour.

Grants Financial Analyst

Open Until Filled – Working closely with Tribal staff members on all financial grant and related Tribal budget and spending matters. Assisting in monitoring programs to ensure compliance with grant or contract regulations. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$59,494.00/annually.

Health Center Support Services Manager

Open Until Filled – Supervision and management of front office operations within the Southern Ute Health Center to include reception, registration, scheduling, medical records, and referral services. A key focus will be to always establish and maintain superior customer service communications and support. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155.00/year.

Heavy Equipment Operator

Open Until Filled – Provides routine maintenance and safe operation of heavy equipment in

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Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-4777.

Assistant Controller – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 6/28/24 – Assisting the Red Willow Production Company (RWPC) Controller as directed in managing all accounting functions, to include establishing and maintaining Red Willow's accounting principles, practices, and procedures; managing monthly accounting tasks including AR, AP, general ledger management, and generation of financial statements; bank reconciliations and cash management; calculation and payment of taxes; establishing and maintaining credit records; assisting in the preparation and reconciliation of annual financial statements, and reporting as required. Supervises the joint interest billing function in the accounting department.

Joint Interest Billing Accountant II – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 6/28/24 – Performs assignments pertaining to the review and recording of transactions into the general ledger that pertain to outside operated properties and the joint interest billings for partners in Red Willow's oil and gas exploration operations.

Joint Interest Billing Accountant III – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 6/28/24 – Reviewing and recording transactions into the general ledger that pertain to outside operated properties and/or prepare the joint interest billings for partners in Red Willow's oil and gas exploration operations. Must have a working knowledge of the joint interest process and be able to apply analytical skills to complete complex accounting assignments.

Revenue Accountant III – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 6/28/24 – Performing complex revenue accounting assignments, creates new revenue agreements, and responsible for knowledge of revenue accounting practices.

Revenue Accountant – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 6/21/24 – Revenue activities and producer/pipeline gas imbalance of Red Cedar Gathering Company, assuring accuracy, consistency, efficiency, and customer satisfaction. Provide support to the Measurement and Revenue Accounting Manager and provide timely and accurate reports and information to other departments, management, and external parties.

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carrying out project assignments for the Construction Services Division. Pay grade N11; pay starts at \$23.63/hour.

HVAC Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, boilers, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers, and variable volume system located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$33.93/hour.

Lake Capote Recreation Assistant

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Lake Capote Resident Manager, the Maintenance Worker will: greet guests, collect fees for fishing/camping/small concessions; clean, maintain, and repair grounds, facilities, and buildings; and assist with site development and improvements. This position is seasonal/full time, 8-month schedule. This position is a grade N8; the pay range starts at \$18.76/hour.

Lands Technician Trainee (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal Member. Will learn how to provide technical and clerical support to the Lands Division and provide general information to the Tribal Membership and public regarding land status issues, Crossing Permits, and general land management related issues. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N8 and receive quarterly evaluations and pay increases to assure that key goals are met. Upon successfully completing the training curriculum, will assume the Lands Technician position.

NAGPRA Technician (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – Assists NAGPRA Coordinator(s) with new and on-going projects, including, but not limited to, duties such as: technical data entry, records management, research, and other duties as assigned. Must be organized and able to maintain a complicated work and deadline calendar for new, on-going, short term, and long-term projects by providing timelines to NAGPRA Coordinator(s) to participate in consultations in face-to-face consultations or teleconferences. Assists with consultation with tribal, state, and federal consultations under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) when needed. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

Patrol Officer I

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$28.60/hour.

Planning Project Coordinator (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – Assists with coordination of all functions and activities related to Tribal planning projects. Provides oversight to projects through completion and assists with management of PL 93-638 Projects. 50% grant-funded and is contingent on continued grant funding. Pay grade N12; Pay starts at \$26.00/hour.

Project Manager – Construction

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Housing Department Director, incumbent assists in the management and coordination of all functions and activities required to initiate, manage, and complete all phases of construction related and other various projects. Will assist the Department in delivery of professional project management and support services to the Tribe. Pay grade E19; Pay starts at \$114,968/annually.

Scorekeeper (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Keeps accurate scores for sporting events held by SunUte Recreation Dept. Pay grade N6; pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

Special Needs Aide (Part-time w/benefits)

Open Until Filled – Assists Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy disabled and special needs students with educational, physical, emotional, and social growth and development under direction of a certified guide or specialists. Assists with life skills, academic success, and meeting IEP (Individual Education Plan) objectives. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

Substance Use Treatment Program Manager

Open Until Filled – Development, management, and coordination of the substance use treatment facilities including the inpatient treatment center, recovery housing, transitional housing, childcare, methadone clinic, and future facilities as developed in future phases of the project. Program Manager will work in close coordination with the Public Health Physician and Behavioral Health Manager to administer the program in accordance with resolutions approved by Tribal Council. Grant funded and continued employment is contingent upon the availability of grant funding. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155/year.

Summer Youth Employment (Southern Ute members & 1st Descendants only)

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program Coordinator, Youth Employment Program Aide, or Tribal Department Directors, Division Heads, or Managers, the Youth Employment Worker performs job duties as directed and participates in activities provided within the SUIT Education Youth Employment Program. This summer program is designed to provide employment from June to August 2024, with extensions available to make up hours missed due to illness or absence.

Teacher Aide

Open Until Filled – Supporting the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children in the After-School Program, being assigned to differing duties on an as-needed basis. Pay grade N4; Pay starts at \$14.67/hour.

TEAM Worker (Southern Ute member only)

Open Until Filled – The TEAM program is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

TERO Worker

Open Until Filled – Under the supervision of the TERO office. It is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members and other local Native Americans to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Tribe is accepting applications for SUIT Tribal Members interested in pursuing their career interests through the Apprenticeship Program. Purpose of the program is to build a career foundation for SUIT members to pursue further educational goals or career development. May be placed within Permanent Fund departments or divisions dependent on career interests, educational level and/or length of prior relevant and appropriate work experience. The Apprentice Committee will review applications and assess what options may be available for applicants.

Tribal Ranger Trainee (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, will assume the Tribal Ranger position. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$23.63/hour.

Umpire/Referee

Open Until Filled – Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during SunUte Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$17.37/hour.



Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137
TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome • Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays. *21 years or older to apply.

***49 Lounge Bartender (Full-time)**
Provide an exceptional lounge experience by delivering first class guest service of beverages and cocktails. Mix and serve alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and interact with guests. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. Provide beverage and cocktail service to bar patrons and restaurant guests.

Bell Person (Full-time)
Assisting our Casino guests upon check in and check out and throughout their stay under the direction of the Rooms Division Manager. Luggage assistance, directions/maps, providing our guest at Sky Ute Casino Resort with a warm welcome, helping the front desk with daily operations, driving guests to/from the airport, and assisting with phones as needed.

***Bowling Mechanic I – Entry Level (Full-time)**
An entry level position to allow mechanically oriented, but less experienced individuals an opportunity to get familiar with pinspotter machines. Mechanic will improve operational execution through attention to detail and experience. Follows the direction and trainings of the Lead Technician. Repairing automatic pin spotters and related bowling equipment.

***Buyer (Full-time)**
Compiles information and records to prepare orders for the procurement of material, including all food and beverage products. Will research and evaluate products to be purchased for the Casino, making it cost efficient, and maintains and regulates cost for Casino operations. Verify Classification and specifications of all purchase order requests, search inventory records and/pr warehouse to determine if materials on hand are in sufficient quantify. Maintains vendor database in inventory management software and handles all incoming invoices.

***Café Cashier (Full-time)**
Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast-paced work environment. Responsibilities include taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Assists in preparing and serving all foods necessary for the Café kitchen. Prepares coffee and pizza from the hot food line in the front area of the Café. Will balance the register at end of the shift, with proper report of discrepancies and complete paperwork.

***Cage Staff (Full-time)**
Provides fast, accurate, and friendly service to all internal and external customers while providing full compliance with all regulatory controls.

***Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)**
Consist of cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices, and employee break rooms. All areas must be disinfected, swept, mopped, vacuumed, and dusted.

***Count Team Staff (Full-time)**
Retrieves, counts, and calculates the daily revenue produced by the gaming revenue departments. Job of the Count Team to pull the containers, and count or verify the funds according to the regulatory requirements and procedures set by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming's Internal Control Minimum Procedures and the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

***Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)**
Cleanliness of the entire Kitchen as instructed by the Facilities Manager and/or Supervisor. Will clean Food and Beverage facilities and equipment.

***Event Staff**
Assisting in set-up, serving, tear down, clean-up, and re-set of events in all Banquet areas. Will act as a guest service representative at Banquets and related events. Requires that you achieve and maintain the highest level of guest service as well as maintaining professional interactions, safe working conditions, and teamwork.

***Facilities Supervisor (Full-time)**
Reports to the Facilities Manager and was established for the purpose/s of supervising individual shifts to include facility and deep cleaning staff within the maintenance department. Coordinating all repair and alterations of the property including the exterior and grounds and to work in conjunction with facility technicians. Ensuring that jobs are completed efficiently and within regulatory guidelines and projected deadlines. Collaborates with others, coordinates schedules, and performs other related duties as assigned.

***Facilities Technician (Full-time)**
Electrical and mechanical functions, operations of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. Works as part of a team to ensure smooth operations of the facility, equipment and building by providing maintenance support, troubleshooting and repair, preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.

***Front Desk Associate (Full-time & Part-time)**
Providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail, and message service for hotel guests. Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information and guest concerns. Assistance with guests include but is not limited to luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport.

***Kitchen Steward Supervisor (Full-time)**
Training, supervising, and working with utility staff to provide a clean and safe working environment, exceeding all health and sanitation requirements from the county and state. The supervisor ensures proper receiving, storage, and

rotation of food products; schedules utility staff with proper coverage; and adheres to control procedures for cost and quality.

***Lead Facilities Technician HVAC (Full-time)**
Electrical and mechanical functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. Works as the lead of a team to ensure smooth operations of the facility, equipment, and building; by providing maintenance support, troubleshooting and repair, preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems including boilers, AHU's, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, cooling towers, walk-in coolers, and freezers. Reports to the Director of Facilities while sharing the responsibility to train and lead activities of departmental employees; technicians, shift supervisors, and facilities staff in appropriate Service Standards and Facility operations/maintenance.

Level I Facilities Staff (Full-time & Part-time)
Entry level position. Reports to the Facilities Supervisor on shift. Supporting the operation of equipment, environmental condition, and appearance of the overall facility and grounds. Responsible for the cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment, and building.

***Level II Facilities Staff (Full-time)**
Reports to the Facilities Supervisor on shift. Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment, and building.

***Players Club Representative (Full-time)**
Performs all administrative functions such as: signing up new members, player's account maintenance, answer player club and general property questions, administering redemption, complimentary and access rewards, and benefits to qualified players club members. Maintain the highest standard of guest service, problem resolution and confidentiality. Develops and creates a long-lasting experience for all Club Card members.

***Property Shift Manager (Full-time)**
Key License coverage for the Casino gaming area, providing leadership and oversight in the operation of all Casino activities in the absence of the General Manager. Assists in maintaining efficient gaming operations in accordance with the Division of Gaming Regulations of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Assists and monitors that appropriate actions are taken to ensure the safeguarding of company assets and the health and safety of guests and employees of the property.

***Retail Staff (Full-time)**
Opening, operating, and closing the Gift Shop and Tix System. Provides excellent customer service to Casino guests and customers. Maintains a well-stocked, clean, and attractive retail environment.

***Rolling Thunder Grill Line Cook (Full-time)**
Works under direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Preparation of the menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness.

***Rolling Thunder Grill Server (Full-time & Part-time)**
Provide an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages. Taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. Shift covers Breakfast and Lunch only.

***Room Attendant (Full-time)**
Thoroughly cleaning hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually or as a pair, in a fast-paced work environment. Cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping, and mopping all areas of the guest rooms. Must be able to bend, lift, stand and walk throughout the shift.

***Senior Facilities Staff (Full-time)**
Reports to the Facilities Supervisor on shift. Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment, and building.

***Seven Rivers Line Cook (Full-time)**
Works under direct supervision of the Executive Chef, Executive Sous Chef, and/or Kitchen Manager. Preparation of the A la Carte menu in Seven Rivers and is accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality, and freshness.

***Specialized Facilities Technician (Full-time)**
Maintaining the electrical and mechanical functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility. Works as a professionally trained individual with the team to ensure smooth operations of the facility. This individual is trained and certified or holds a license that is construction/maintenance specific.

***Security Officer (Full-time)**
Safeguarding the assets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. Responsible for guest and employee safety on property.

***Slot Operations Floor Person (Full-time)**
Providing excellent guest service to all slot guests and ensures that all gaming devices are monitored on a continual basis for full capacity operation. Will at times require the employee to work without direct supervision. Job knowledge and the ability to "self-start" are essential. Re-

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PATROL OFFICER I
Southern Ute Police Dept.

Position Summary: Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community.

Starting Pay Range
\$28.60/hour – \$35.75/hour DOE

\$5,000 SIGNING BONUS
for Patrol I or Patrol II

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PATROL OFFICER TRAINEE
Southern Ute Police Dept.

Position Summary: This is a trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The trainee will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Upon completion of the required trainings and certifications, incumbent will assume the position of Patrol Officer.

Starting Pay Range
\$23.63/hour – \$29.55/hour DOE

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Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.
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Business Applications Analyst I and II – So. Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)
Closes 7/5/24 – Assisting with business applications analysis, support, and use of the Tribe's integrated oil and gas business software. Interface with users of software to evaluate needs and develop business solutions utilizing IT technology.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221
Job info, descriptions and application: www.ignacioschools.org/employment-cdac2310

- Secondary Social Studies Teacher
 - Athletic Trainer
 - High School Girls Wrestling Coach
- Middle School Basketball Assistant Coach
 - Middle School Cross Country Head Coach

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
Maintenance Mechanic

Reports to working foreman. Non-Exempt, full-time. Responsible for semi-skilled to skilled maintenance of buildings/houses, facilities, and light equipment. Performs general carpentry, electrical, plumbing, and other repairs in response to service requests and results of inspections of units in accordance with HUD required standards. Performs interior work on units to include sheet rock-ing, painting, and working and troubleshooting HVAC and boiler systems. Performs maintenance on mechanical equipment and/or machinery. On-call duties are assigned on a rotating basis. High school graduate (or GED) or possess a vocational technician certification beyond high school, with five (5) years' experience or training in building construction or maintenance, or ain the repair or maintenance of mechanical equipment or an equivalent combination of technical training and experience. Preferably licensed in one or more trades and certified HVAC. Must have a valid Driver's License, remain insurable, successfully pass a pre-employment drug test, and submit to random drug testing per the Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Policy. Pick up applications at 760 Shoshone Ave., Ignacio CO 81137, or email ctwedt@suiha.org to request an application and a copy of the full job description. Questions can be directed to Eric Spady or Crystal Twedt at 970-563-4575. Applications must be submitted by 4:00 pm June 28, 2024.

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ports to the Slot Floor Manager or designee.

***Slot Technician II (Full-time)**
Day-to-day maintenance, repair, installation, and

relocation of slot machines and related devices. Ensure a positive guest experience by maintaining optimal gaming device performance. Reports to the Slot Technician Supervisor.

EPD seeking input on GHG reduction strategies

The Southern Ute Air Quality Division has received a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) from the USEPA and is working on evaluating strategies for the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions on the Reservation. The Division is seeking input on potential GHG reduction strategies. Visit the Division's webpage to provide your input and learn more about the CPRG program. www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/departments/epd/air-quality/climate-pollution-reduction-grant/



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VALDEZ SAVORS SEND-OFF • FROM PAGE 14

came, and she was there with snacks and coloring books – there was no iPads or anything like that back in the day – and she was the one who made me who I am today as a coach. If it wasn’t for her I could have never done it, because your ‘supporting cast’ has to be there.”

“Your effort and time with all of us throughout your 30 years of coaching will truly be missed; it was a full-time job with you, providing us with opportunities to play basketball and develop not only in season, but providing us opportunities to play in rec league and summer camps,” former ‘Cat Alex Herrera said from overseas – he spent the 2023-24 winter with Medipolis SC Jena (averaging 6.8 points and 5.4 rebounds in 37 games played) in Germany’s ProA league – via a recorded phone message. “And without a doubt I can say that I wouldn’t be where I am without you teaching, pushing, and having my back through-out all these years.”

Valdez’s first season as an Ignacio head coach was the 1995-96 grind, after taking over for Jack Riddle (whom he’d spent the previous two years assisting) as the Lady Bobcats’ leader. He remained in that capacity through the 1999-2000 campaign, then replaced Lee Carleton as boys’ boss (assisted by Art Silva and Al Cloud) for the 2000-01 season. Interestingly, Ignacio’s 2001 yearbook was titled ‘From Dreams to Reality.’

“I just want to say thank you for letting me live my dream,” former ‘Cat John Valdez said via phone recording. “All I ever wanted was to make you and our

community proud; I’ll always be thankful for the lessons learned along the way. I hope I can do even half of what you’ve done for the people around you, in my life and in my profession. We were all so blessed to play for you.”

“You know, all the different personalities that he’s helped take from boys to men is, I think, his legacy,” said Miller, a sophomore in ’00-01. “I think that’s the most important thing that he’s ever done.”

“Conditioning? I don’t even think you condition your boys like you conditioned us, Coach!” Lori Casias (née Pinnecoose) said, eliciting an echo of laughter. “Chris started coaching me when I was a (’95-96) freshman. Being his cousin, of course, he got to really chew [me out] often, and ... it was some of the greatest memories of my life playing for him. My high-school days were pretty awesome because of you, Coach, so I wish you lots of luck.”

“Chris’ first year was my senior year – he was an assistant coach. I got my nickname from him, and he has plenty of stories to share with my daughter about me,” said Gina Cosio (née Cox) a ’93-94 senior. “I went off to school for a year and came back, and Chris was the head coach. And I didn’t have anything better to do, so he offered me a position. He knew how much I loved basketball, and he invited me – for no other reason except for that I had a good hook shot – to come on with him and Johnny to be the sole female coach, and I learned so much.”

“He expected the best of

you, demanded the best of you, but always made you feel you were fully capable,” she stated. “So, I’m happy to see you going out the way you did; you gave it everything and I’m proud of you.”

“The love that I have for this, the appreciation I have for the community and the people who backed me ... I don’t want to babble on all night, so I’m just going to say thank you to all you people,” Chris Valdez said. “Someday I may coach again, I don’t know – Little League (baseball) or something, C-team girls’ (basketball) junior-high ... probably about my caliber now – but thank you for everything you’ve done.”

“I never came out to coach the game for me – or my family, obviously. It’s for the kids, it’s for the families, it’s for our community. You know, I always said that if there was somebody better or if I ran out of energy that I would turn it over to the best person that I could find. And, you know, it was time; I think I’m getting a little more old and tired, I think Cindy’s tired of doing bake sales and concession stands (crowd laughs). But I want to thank all of you.”

“All the things everybody’s talked about ... remember that when you think about him, he is a legend. He’s one of the greatest basketball coaches in the history of Colorado,” said Johnny Valdez, in his event-closing comments. “It is for this community that he did it ... and for all the friends and players that made it happen. I know he doesn’t think it’s about him, but today it is. Thank you, Coach.”

ALL LEAGUE AWARDS APLEANTY • FROM PAGE 13

tional slugger, portrayed by Robert Redford) in ’23. One of the SJBL’s most dangerous hitters, then-junior Quintana actually used a self-made wooden bat during IHS’ late-April twin-bill – on Senior Day, in fact, with brother Eppie amongst the ‘Cats honored – against non-league Sargent. And though no field lights were exploded, nor baseballs un-covered by any of his hacks taken with the stick, Phillip Quintana’s version of Hobbs’ ‘Wonderboy’ weapon didn’t go unnoticed.



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- 9 Cultural no-no
- 10 Corded fabrics
- 12 Let pet seals cavort round ship’s fabric
- 15 Chaises longues
- 16 Tiny part of a stable diet?
- 17 “--- Believer” (Hit penned by Neil Diamond)
- 18 Critter in house dust
- 19 Air rifle
- 22 --- the trail of (chasing)
- 23 Rules
- 24 At a great distance
- 25 Wave, in Spain
- 26 Takes into custody
- 30 Using all of one’s resources
- 32 Chiwere speakers
- 33 Fill with optimism
- 34 “--- Enterprise”
- 35 Finish a task completely
- Down
- 1 Vet’s affliction
- 2 This comes before tat
- 3 Comply
- 4 Twisted band man
- 5 Grave
- 6 Web locations
- 7 Black, green or iced, perhaps
- 8 Capable
- 11 1954-77 alliance
- 13 Smartphone predecessor
- 14 British WW2 piece
- 18 Variety of cherry
- 19 Online journal, informally
- 20 The bear, in Kipling tales.
- 21 The 6 Across 6 Across --- Paiute tribe of California
- 22 “There is a rose in Spanish ---”
- 24 --- Angelico
- 26 Matures
- 27 Sud source
- 28 Skirt worn by ballerinas
- 29 One of twelve in Native American wisdom
- 31 Teec --- Pos, Navajo weaving area in Arizona

Answers will appear in the June 28 issue of the Drum.

Answers for May 31, 2024 Crossword Puzzle
Across: 1 Mile, 5 Asp, 8 Amok, 9 Burlap, 13 Dawg, 14 Eroica, 15 Age, 16 Flagged, 17 Morsel, 19 Russ, 20 Eke, 21 Pas, 22 Inly, 24 Sumter, 27 Cowlitz, 29 Ida, 30 Oshara, 31 Iced, 32 Nearby, 33 Puma, 34 Kms, 35 Omar.
Down: 1 Madam, 2 Imago, 3 Lower Elwha, 4 EKG, 5 A bell, 6 Sura, 7 Program, 10 Ligusticum, 11 Aces, 12 Pads, 16 Fee, 18 Skylark, 21 Puz, 22 Icon, 23 Nose, 24 Stays, 25 Edema, 26 Radar, 28 IRBM, 31 IPO.

Brunot Treaty Hunting
Lone Mesa State Park Access Permit



Lone Mesa State Park is located within the Brunot Treaty area. It lies 23 miles north of the town of Dolores and encompasses 11,760 acres of incredibly scenic land, ranging in elevation from about 7,200 feet to just over 9,000 feet. A high quality Special Use Permit program allows limited public hunting during the big game seasons.

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division will have six (6) Lone Mesa State Park Access Permits available to Southern Ute tribal member hunters for the 2024 Hunting Season.

Permit holders will be allowed to choose one established hunt season to access Lone Mesa State Park. Season dates and weapon restrictions will apply.

The access permits will either be available first-come first-serve, or through a draw if there is sufficient interest. **Deadline for sign-up is Friday, June 28th, 2024.**

Please contact the Wildlife Division at (970) 563- 0130 for more information.

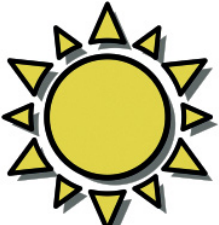
LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, June 14



Partly sunny 76°F
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Saturday, June 15



Sunny 85°F

Sunday, June 16



Mostly sunny 86°F

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